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Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church
Spruce Pine, NC
and
Snow Hill Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC

The next Annual Session to be held with
Pine Branch Baptist Church
Spruce Pine, NC
August 26, 2002

Friendship Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC
August 27, 2002

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7158 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
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1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
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94 Altapass Trail, Spruce Pine
Missions Committee Chairman ..... Rev. Randy Bonner
90 Thomas Rd., Spruce Pine
Youth .....

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Clerk/Treasurer ..... Judy Greer
Sunday School Director ..... Chris Renfro
WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
Baptist Men's Director ..... Eddie Williams
Historian ..... Buster Sparks

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P.O. Box 893, Bakersville
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195 Gouges Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2001-2002 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2001 ..... Rev. Martin Fisher
Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. Randy Bonner, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Virginia Lovejoy

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2002 ..... Rev. Fred Proctor
..... Rev. Jay Orr
Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. Steve Sisk, Chairman
..... Rev. Russell McKinney
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
..... Rev. Dallas Renfro

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2002 . . . . . Frank Fox
Term Expiring 2003 . . . . . Rev. Howard Buchanan, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 . . . . . Joe Biddix

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2002 . . . . . Rev. Bob McKinney
Term Expiring 2003 . . . . . Rev. David Johnson, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 . . . . . Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2002 . . . . . Monroe Bridges
Term Expiring 2003 . . . . . Rev. Don Ford, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 . . . . . David Dale

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North

Term Expiring 2002 . . . . . Tony Honeycutt, Big Rock Creek
Term Expiring 2003 . . . . . Eldon Cooke, Calvary
Term Expiring 2004 . . . . . Rev. Daniel Honeycutt, Fork Mountain

Central

Term Expiring 2002 . . . . . Rev. Steve Williams, Pine Branch
Term Expiring 2003 . . . . . James Miller, Bear Creek
Term Expiring 2004 . . . . . Rev. Russell McKinney, Ledger

South

Term Expiring 2002 . . . . . Kenny Burleson, Berry Chapel
Term Expiring 2003 . . . . . Melanie Slagle, Mount Carmel
Term Expiring 2004 . . . . . Rev. B.G. McMahan, Grassy Creek

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS . . . . . Donnie Vickers
36 Dan Lane, Spruce Pine

BEAR CREEK ..... Leonard Wiggins
109 Church Rd., Bakersville

BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine

CENTRAL ..... Roger Burleson
598 Greenwood Rd., Spruce Pine

CRABTREE CHAPEL ..... Charles Allen
Rt. 1, Box 308, Spruce Pine

FREEDOM ..... Stacy Thomas
130 Laurel Hill Dr., Spruce Pine

GRASSY CREEK ..... Ken Hollifield
124 Ray Wiseman Rd., Spruce Pine

LIBERTY HILL ..... Max Cabe
125 Cliff Buchanan, Rd., Spruce Pine

LILY BRANCH ..... Kenny Huskins
15 Lily Branch Rd., Bakersville

LITTLE ROCK CREEK ..... Tommie L. Edwards
184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville

MCKINNEY COVE ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville

MOUNT CARMEL ..... Avery Buchanan
96 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine

SPRUCE PINE, FIRST ..... Jean Warren
7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine

VISION MISSIONARY ..... Sam Houston
794 Mtn. Haven Dr., Mars Hill

WESTERN CAROLINA ..... Chris Renfro
190 FisherRd., Spruce Pine

WHITE OAK ..... Jim McMahan
823 White Oak Rd., Bakersville

SERMONS FOR 2002 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Bob McKinney
Tuesday ..... Rev. Kenneth Murphy

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

ALTAPASS ..... Jonathan Thacker
488 Vance Farm Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL ..... Nathan Silver
P.O. Box 374, Spruce Pine
FREEDOM ..... Trent Moody
486 Bear Den Mtn. Rd., Spruce Pine
Mike Grindstaff
337 Vance Farm Rd., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK ..... Ken Hollifield
124 Ray Wiseman Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK ..... Chris Rathbone
415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

SNOW HILL ..... Shane Buchanan
1496 Slagle Rd., Bakersville

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Rev. Fred Proctor, Rev. David Troutman - Chairman, Rev. Steve Stronach

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Steve Sisk - Chairman, Rev. Greg Hollifield, Rev. Randy Bonner

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER: Rev. Mark McKinney, Rev. Greg Hollifield - Chairman, Andy Willis

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Dallas Renfro - Chairman, Rev. Steve Williams, Jonathan Thacker

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Carol Sisk, Chris Henley, Chuck Pendley, LouAnn Byrd, Cal Byrd, Joe Biddix, Jonathan Thacker, Lois Matthews, Billy Matthews, Dale Blevins
BEAR CREEK: Rev. Howard Buchanan, Kathleen Buchanan, James Miller, Marie Rosa Miller, Mitzie Wilson, Phillip Wilson, Frank Woody, Elizabeth Woody, Irene Sparks, Marie Jarrett
BEAVER CREEK: Phillip Henline, Mary Henline, Anna Mae Carpenter, Beulah Burleson

BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Mary Stafford, Edna Grabowski, Frances Sparks, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer, Lou Jenkins, Jeanette Woody, Lizzie Woody
BIG CRABTREE: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Dora Willis, Claude Willis
BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, Tony Honeycutt, Garland Honeycutt, Phyllis Garland, Wesley Gouge
CALVARY: Rev. Don Stafford, Parnell Buchanan, Emma Lee Buchanan, LeElla Cooke, E.M. Cooke
CENTRAL: Rev. Jerry Combs, Billye June Combs, Monroe Bridges
CHESTNUT GROVE: Rev. Clifford Earley, Nellie Waycaster, Carrie Washburn, Rev. Richard Hollifield
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Rev. Fred Proctor, Richard McKinney, Charles Allen, Delphia Renfro
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Daniel Honeycutt, Wanda Honeycutt, Ivan Greene
FREEDOM: Rev. David Troutman, Susan Troutman, Nancy Moody, Stacy Thomas, Gladys Burleson, Angela Woody, Stella Thomas, Christy Fowler, Lorene Burleson
FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney, Joyce McKinney
GRASSY CREEK: Rev. B.G. McMahan, Mildred McMahan, Karen McKinney, Ray G. McKinney, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson
LIBERTY HILL: Rev. David Johnson, Keith Buckner, Marqueriete Burleson, Lloyd L. Burleson, Marie Sparks, Edith Hinkle, Eddie Williams, Martha Williams
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Donald Davis, Denise Davis, Harold Phillips, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock, Kay Clark
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Beatrice Renfro, Gordon Lovejoy, Virginia Lovejoy, Don Albers
McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Don Ford, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Judy Roberts, Janice Hensley, Clarence Fleet Hensley, Jean McCourry
MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Iva Jean Grindstaff, Avery Buchanan, Burl Pitman, John Shaw, Toby Crowder, Richard Haney
PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Beverly Williams, Quentin Buchanan
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Steve Stronach, Jean Stronach, Kevin McKinney
SILVER CHAPEL: Rev. Jay Orr, Betty Buchanan, Ray Buchanan, Mozell Howell, Fred Louis Howell, Elberta Buchanan, Sherwin Buchanan
SNOW HILL: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Rev. Lee Ayers, Veida Ayers, Wes Brewer
SPRING CREEK: Rev. Bob McCurry, John Cullifer, Eva Jane Cullifer
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Jean Warren, Nancy VanOstrand
TOECANE: Rev. Jack Callahan, Gwynn Callahan
VISION MISSIONARY: Rev. Martin Fisher, Rebecca Fisher
WESTERN CAROLINA: Rev. Randy Bonner, Chris Renfro
WHITE OAK: Rev. Jack Michaels, Marian McNeill, Marcella Bailey, Jim McMahan

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be

sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.

2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.

3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.

4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.

5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.
2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.
3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

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153rd Annual Session
Mitchell Baptist Association

Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church, Spruce Pine
Monday, August 27, 2001
3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: "Until He Comes....Go"

3:30	Call to Order	Rev. Steve Williams, Moderator
	Hymn #151	"Praise Him, Praise Him"
	Welcome	Rev. Fred Proctor
	Scripture and Prayer	Rev. Steve Stronach
	Committee Report: Order of Business	Rev. Russell McKinney
	Roll Call of Churches	Judy Greer
3:45	Director of Missions Report	Rev. Daniel Whetstine
4:00	Recognitions, Announcements, Committee Appointments, Welcome of New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business	
4:30	Hymn #137	"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"
4:35	Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute	J.D. Grant Director of Development
4:50	Special Music	Phil & Theresa Murdock
5:00	Challenge Message	Rev. Stan Frye Pastor, Gateway Baptist Church, Hickory
5:30	Benediction and Blessing on meal	

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Steve Williams, Moderator

Hymn #381 ..... "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:15 Baptist Children's Homes ..... Lloyd Fish
Regional Development Director, Western Area

7:30 Christian Action League ..... Rev. Mark H. Creech
Executive Director

7:45 Retirement Homes ..... Luther Osment
Assistant to the President, Retirement Homes of NC

8:00 Partnership Mission Opportunities ..... Mark Abernathy
Men's Ministry & Partnership Missions,
Baptist State Convention

8:15 Hymn #265 ..... "Love Lifted Me"

8:20 Special Music ..... Good News Quartet

8:30 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Greg Hollifield
Pastor, Berry Chapel Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction

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Snow Hill Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 28, 2001
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Steve Williams, Moderator

Hymn #426 ..... "Victory In Jesus"

Welcome ..... Rev. Gerold Grindstaff

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Jack Michaels

	Roll Call of Churches	Judy Greer
7:15	Special Music	Pastors' Choir
7:30	Mission Message	Rev. John Mauldin Pastor, First Baptist Church, Phelps, KY
8:00	Hymn #572	"I Love To Tell The Story"
8:05	Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business	
8:15	Special Music	Velma Sturgill
8:25	Annual Sermon	Rev. B.G. McMahan Pastor, Grassy Creek Baptist Church
9:00	Benediction	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church
August 27, 2001
3:30 P.M.

1. The 153rd Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 27, 2001, 3:30 P.M., at Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Steve Williams, pastor of Pine Branch Baptist Church. The theme for this year's sessions was "Until He Comes...Go."

2. Rev. Fred Proctor, pastor of Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors.

3. The congregation sang the hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him," led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer.

4. Rev. Steve Stronach, pastor of Roan Mountain Baptist Church, read scripture from Luke 19:12-26 and led in the opening prayer.

5. The Order of Business Report was given by the Moderator, Steve Williams, in the

absence of Russell McKinney, Chairman of this committee. The Moderator made the motion to accept the program for the 2001 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-eight churches were represented. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out at this time.

7. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He gave information and statistics from the past and told of plans for the future. He asked for at least 3% giving from each church. He recommended his report for approval and the recommendation was seconded and approved.

8. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.

- Keithen Tucker from Wingate College who thanked everyone for their support of Baptist Colleges and Universities.
- Rev. Steve Williams called attention to the Committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.
- Our new pastors were recognized: Rev. Jerry Combs - Central; Rev. Rev. Donald Davis - Lily Branch; Rev. Harold Grindstaff - Mount Carmel; Rev. Steve Stronach - Roan Mountain; Rev. Jack Michaels - White Oak; and Rev. Steve Williams - Pine Branch.

9. Judy Greer, called attention to our Treasurer's Report. The balance at the end of the year is $4,478.11. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

10. Our Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, E.M. Cooke, presented the Budget for the 2001-2002 associational year. The total for the coming year is $63,269.00. With no questions, the Budget for the coming year was seconded and approved.

11. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

12. Registration cards were taken up.

13. The congregation was led in the hymn, "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

14. J.D. Grant, Director of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, gave information on Fruitland.

15. Special Music was provided by Phil and Theresa Murdock from Marion.

16. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. Stan Frye, pastor of Gateway Baptist Church in Hickory. His scripture was taken from Romans 5 and he spoke on "The Meaning of Justification."

17. Our benediction and blessing on the evening meal was given by Rev. Fred Proctor.

Break for evening meal.

18. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Gerold Grindstaff in the absence of our Moderator, Rev. Steve Williams who had to make an emergency hospital visit.

19. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

20. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, read scripture and led in prayer.

21. A second roll call of the churches was given with one more church represented. This makes twenty-nine churches represented.

22. A report was given on the Baptist Children's Homes. Lloyd Fish, Regional Development Director of the Western Area, spoke to us about the work of the Children's Homes. Guests with him included Will Porter, House Parent at Broyhill Homes in Clyde and two young boys, who spoke on what the Children's Home means to them.

23. A report from the Baptist Retirement Homes, was given by Luther Osment, assistant to the President of the Retirement Homes.

24. Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director of the Christian Action League was our next guest. He gave a powerful report on the events going on in the world. A prayer was offered by our Director of Missions for this ministry.

25. Mark Abernathy, from the Baptist State Convention spoke to us about Partnership Ministries and Volunteerism in Missions. Some of the missions that we can become involved in are: Alaskan Partnership and Malaysia/Singapore Partnership. The South Africa Partnership ends in December.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "Love Lifted Me."

27. Special music was provided by the Good News Quartet from Avery County.

28. Rev. Greg Hollifield, pastor of Berry Chapel Baptist Church, preached the evening message. His scripture was taken from Colossians 4:2-6, and he spoke on "You Can't Just Sit There."

29. The benediction was given by Rev. David Johnson, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church.

Snow Hill Branch Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 28, 2001
7:00 P.M.

30. Rev. Steve Williams, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

31. The congregation sang the hymn, "Victory In Jesus."

32. Rev. Gerold Grindstaff gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors to Snow Hill Baptist Church.

33. Rev. Jack Michaels, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, read scripture from II Corinthians 5:1-17 and led in the opening prayer.

34. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Twenty-nine churches were represented at this time.

35. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir.

36. A Mission Message was given by Rev. John Mauldin from Phelps, Kentucky. He spoke on "Who Is Your Neighbor?"

37. The congregation sang, "I Love To Tell The Story."

38. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.

39. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Steve Sisk. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. A motion was made for the adoption of this report and the motion was seconded and approved.

40. The election of officers began with the nomination of Vice-Moderator, Rev. Martin Fisher to be Moderator. Rev. Fisher declined the nomination due to health problems and the distance from his church. Rev. B.G. McMahan nominated Rev. Harold Grindstaff, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. With no opposition, the recommendation was seconded and approved. Rev. Steve Williams nominated Rev. David Johnson, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church as Vice-Moderator. With no opposition, the recommendation was seconded and approved.

41. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2002 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Pine Branch Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, and the second night at Friendship Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Bob McKinney (pastor of Friendship) and Rev. Kenneth Murphy (pastor of Mine Creek).

42. Miscellaneous business included:

- The Resolutions Committee thanked the two host churches, Crabtree Chapel Baptist

Church and Snow Hill Baptist Church, for their hospitality, and offered a special "thank you" to Crabtree Chapel for the delicious meal on Monday afternoon. A motion was made for the adoption of this resolution and it was seconded and approved.

43. Special music was provided by Velma Sturgill.

44. The Annual Sermon was given by Rev. B.G. McMahan, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. His scripture was II Corinthians 5:14-21. He spoke on "An Awesome Privilege that God has Given You and Me."

45. Rev. Steve Williams thanked the messengers for allowing him to serve two years as Moderator.

46. A quartet made up of pastors, sang "I'll be Waiting at the River for You."

47. Our newly elected Moderator, Rev. Harold Grindstaff, led in the closing prayer.

HAVE A HEART

A missionary heart, that is!
We all have hearts.
Warm hearts, broken hearts, joyful hearts.
The Baptist association has a heart, too.
A missionary heart.

Missions is the heart of the association.
Try making it your heart, too.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS:

PROPOSED BUDGET
2001-2002

PERSONAL MINISTRIES	2000-2001	2001-2002
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,100.00	$ 8,100.00
Housing Allowance	3,957.00	4,307.00
Travel Reimbursement	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Secretary	16,856.00	17,150.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
Sunday School/VBS	150.00	150.00
Memory Work	350.00	350.00
WMU	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	500.00	500.00
Youth (Summer youth worker-2002)	400.00	1,000.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,100.00	2,100.00
Hispanic Ministry	500.00	400.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
DOM's Retirement	4,000.00	4,000.00
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops, etc.	700.00	700.00
Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	800.00	800.00
Secretary	1,290.00	1,312.00
Medical Insurance/Secretary	2,487.00	2,487.00
Secretary's Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00

Christmas Bonuses: Director of Missions Secretary	 500.00 400.00	 600.00 500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,400.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,000.00	3,000.00
Postage	1,800.00	1,800.00
Utilities	1,400.00	1,500.00
Fire Insurance	1,000.00	700.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Supplies for Risograph	1,500.00	1,500.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Savings for Office Equipment Replacement	0	3,600.00
TOTAL	$ 58,503.00	$ 63,269.00

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Year ending, July 31, 2001

CHURCH	MAY - JULY	AUG - APR	TOTALS
Altapass	$ 1,167.00	$ 3,369.00	$ 4,536.00
Bakersville	208.75	615.50	824.25
Bear Creek	1,000.02	3,000.06	4,000.08
Beaver Creek	485.05	1,437.01	1,922.06
Berry Chapel	1,379.00	3,748.00	5,127.00
Big Crabtree	402.00	1,448.59	1,850.59
Big Rock Creek	200.00	100.00	200.00
Black Mountain	130.48	313.45	443.93
Calvary	0	442.66	442.66
Cane Creek	225.00	650.00	875.00
Central	391.57	1,116.14	1,507.71
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	515.43	1,457.34	1,972.77
Fork Mountain	200.00	300.00	500.00
Freedom	506.97	1,656.77	2,163.74
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	1,066.68	2,400.03	3 ,466.71
Ledger	570.44	0	570.44
Liberty Hill	525.00	1,400.00	1,925.00
Lily Branch	1,405.76	2,747.71	4,153.47
Little Rock Creek	590.61	1,772.72	2,363.33
McKinney Cove	525.00	1,550.00	2,075.00
Mine Creek	0	589.42	589.42
Mount Carmel	934.73	1,992.35	2,927.08
Mountain View	0	0	0
Pine Branch	643.17	2,479.59	3,122.76
Roan Mountain	1,031.12	2,972.90	4,004.02
Silver Chapel	383.15	1,368.74	1,751.89
Snow Hill	397.66	1,006.47	1,404.13
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine, First	150.00	350.00	500.00
Toecane	0	200.00	200.00
Vision Missionary	339.75	674.62	1,014.37
Western Carolina	250.02	50.00	300.02
White Oak	200.00	200.00	400.00
TOTALS	$ 16,024.36	$ 42,309.07	$ 58,333.43

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year ending, July 31, 2001

RECEIPTS:	May — July	Aug — Apr	TOTALS
Church Contributions	$ 16,024.36	$ 42,309.07	$ 58,333.43
Sale of Supplies, Printing, etc.	193.40	660.94	854.34
Minute Book Fund	0	915.50	915.50
NC State Convention Supplement	4,999.98	17,208.29	22,208.27
Avery Association - Reimbursement DOM Health Insurance	1,977.48	4,846.84	6,824.32
Special Offering - Blue Ridge Youth Prison Min.	0	1,145.10	1,145.10
NC Dept of Revenue Sales Tax Refund	0	181.55	181.55
Blue Ridge Youth Prison Ministry - Designated	0	466.06	466.06
Hispanic Ministry - Desig.	160.80	567.15	727.95
Disaster Relief Designated	50.00	100.00	150.00
Reimbursement - Randy Bonner Ins.	0	88.61	88.61
Overpayment - Building Insurance	0	15.00	15.00
WMU World Day of Prayer Offering	0	228.00	228.00
Other Contributions	0	561.64	561.64
Evangelism Crusade	2,733.00	0	2,733.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$ 26,139.02	$ 69,293.75	$ 95,432.77

DISBURSEMENTS:			
Director of Missions- Salary - 2,025.00 (qtr.) Less Fed. Tax [666.00] Less St. Tax [135.00]	$ 1,230.00	$ 3,690.00	$ 4,920.00
Travel	375.00	1,125.00	$ 1,500.00
Housing	989.25	2,967.75	3,957.00
Social Security Allowance	200.01	600.03	800.04
Office Secretary- Salary $4,213.98 (qtr) Less Fed. Tax [432.00] Less Medicare [61.14] Less St. Tax [152.10] Social Security [261.24]	3,307.50	10,182.50	13,490.00
Annuity Board - DOM Retirement 999.00 (qtr) Secretary Ret. 1,080.00 (qtr)	2,079.00	6,237.00	8,316.00
Personal Security (Medical/Life) DOM Secretary Randy Bonner (Increase)	 1,977.48 802.32 0	 5,399.39 2,106.06 88.61	 7,376.87 2,908.38 88.61
Office Supplies	1,043.89	2,969.72	4,013.61
Copier Lease	206.04	618.12	824.16
Telephone	372.30	829.89	1,202.19
Electric Power	165.75	933.97	1,099.72
Insurance on Building	0	573.00	573.00
Postage	432.37	1,064.42	1,496.79
M-Y Communications (Internet)	59.80	119.60	179.40
Cable	49.43	111.24	160.67

Bank Service Charges & New Checks	44.22	115.05	159.27
Annual Meeting Expense	0	289.50	289.50
WMU Supplies WMU World Day of Prayer Offering	15.99 0	165.98 228.00	181.97 228.00
Payroll Taxes State Federal	 287.10 1,736.76	 851.00 4,798.00	 1,138.10 6,534.76
Blue Ridge Youth Prison Ministry	1,149.99	3,663.14	4,813.13
Hispanic Ministry	1,119.99	4,126.97	5,246.96
Randy Bonner Ministry - State Conv. Other Contrib.	 4,000.00 0	 10,000.00 183.90	 14,000.00 183.90
Relief Fund (Designated)	50.00	225.00	275.00
Blue Ridge Youth Prison Ministry Special Offering	0	1,500.00	1,500.00
Christmas Bonus - DOM Secretary	 0 0	 500.00 400.00	 500.00 400.00
Pastors' Christmas Meal	0	597.00	597.00
Mayland Printing (Minute Books)	0	1,123.60	1,123.60
Savings Account (for new copier)	900.00	1,500.00	2,400.00
Sam's Club Membership	0	45.00	45.00
McRae Office Solutions (Risograph)	276.09	622.08	898.17

Workshop/Conferences	50.00	150.00	200.00
Office Repairs	20.00	32.76	52.76
Annual Visa Fee	0	20.00	20.00
Dempsey Sullins (Videotapes)	0	40.00	40.00
Bible Drills	31.01	170.10	201.11
Southeast Fire & Safety Systems (Fire Extinguisher)	0	38.16	38.16
Baptist Children's Home (WMU Offering)	0	403.00	403.00
Lawn Care	160.00	0	160.00
Evangelism Crusade	2,250.00	0	2,250.00
Banner	42.93	0	42.93
Office Signs	1,250.00	0	1,250.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$ 26,674.22	$ 71,404.54	$ 98,078.76
Cash on Deposit - July 31, 2001			$ 5,496.31
Add: Receipts for May-June-July			26,139.02
TOTAL			$ 31,635.33
Less: Disbursements for May-Jun-July			26,674.22
Less: Designated Evangelism Crusade			483.00
AVAILABLE BALANCE			$ 4,478.11

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 16, 2000

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 16, 2000, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Steve Williams, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. After the Moderator read scripture, Rev. B.G. McMahan led in the opening prayer. The following churches were represented – an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: Altapass, *Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Chestnut Grove, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, *Grassy Creek, *Ledger, *Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, and Spruce Pine, First. A total of 14 people were present. The Treasurer's Report was given by the clerk, which showed the available balance to be $7,051.92 on the 31st day of October. The clerk also reported on the WMU Christmas project, which was to participate in "Operation Christmas Child" and send shoe boxes to Samaritan's Purse in Boone. A total of shoe boxes had not yet been given for this project. The Baptist Men were once again in Grifton, still working on the homes there that we committed to help.

New business included the Director of Missions, Daniel Whetstine, asked for help with the needs in Phelps, Kentucky. He is asking for churches to help send winter coats, non-perishable foods and new toys (or like new). These items will be taken on November 30.

The Director also asked for churches to consider helping with "Judgement House" next year at Halloween. We didn't have enough volunteers to help this year.

The associational office has found out that their Risograph copier is now obsolete and service parts can no longer be provided. The copier is running fine now, but we need to look to the future. A recommendation was made to put $300 into savings each month and begin an account for the purpose of purchasing a new copier, when needed. This recommendation was seconded and approved.

Information was given on the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Blue Ridge Youth Center. Prayer requests were given and Rev. Russell McKinney led in the closing prayer. Our next meeting will be February 15, 2001.

February 15, 2001

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 15, 2001, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Martin Fisher, Vice-Moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. B.G. McMahan, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church read scripture taken from Matthew 6:29-34 and led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented — asterisk indicates presence of pastor:

Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Friendship, *Grassy Creek, *Little Rock Creek, Spruce Pine, First, and *Vision Missionary. Ten people were present. The November minutes were read by the clerk and approved by the members. The clerk also presented the financial report which showed a balance in the treasury of $7,403.77 as of January 31, 2001.

Eddie Williams our Baptist Men's Director and Disaster Relief Coordinator presented a report on the recent disaster recovery efforts still continuing in Grifton. Berry Chapel and Bear Creek Baptist Churches are both almost finished with the homes they committed to repair. Roan Mountain had a team leaving on Sunday, February 18, for a week in Grifton. Eddie also reported that he would be leaving on Saturday, February 17, for several days in El Salvador, for food distribution and water purification following the earthquakes in that area. Dale Duncan from First Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, is working in India following the earthquake there. Eddie announced an upcoming Disaster Training Clinic will be held on March 17 at Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Asheville. Our men were encouraged to attend.

A written report for the Building and Grounds Committee was handed out. Don Ford is the chairman of this committee and he could not attend this meeting.

The dates for the Associational Bible Drills and for the Annual WMU Meeting were announced. An invitation was given by Donnie Vickers for everyone to attend the February Bible Conference to be held at Altapass Baptist Church on February 18-21.

Rev. Dallas Renfro announced that the tent meeting in the Little Rock Creek Community would begin on June 10. Rev. Martin Fisher thanked everyone for their prayers during surgeries and recovery for both he and his wife. A prayer request was made to remember Rev. R.M. Cassity who had knee surgery this week.

Our Director of Missions reported on the following old business:

- During the Christmas season a truck and trailer were loaded and went to Phelps, Kentucky. Money was also donated.
- Judgement House will be presented this year during the Halloween season. Our director made two recommendations: (1) that we join with Avery Association in this effort; (2) that we take the offer from Minneapolis Baptist Church to use the old Minneapolis school as the building to be used.

A motion was made to accept these recommendations and it was seconded and approved.

In new business, the Director of Missions made a recommendation that we purchase a sign for the Associational Office to be placed at the bottom of the hill next to the highway and another sign for the driveway that says, "Do Not Block." A motion for this recommendation was seconded and approved with no opposition.

Also, the Director made a recommendation that we purchase nine copies of the poster, "In God We Trust," (and buy frames) and present one copy of this to our county commissioners to be used in the new courthouse, and the others to be given as the opportunity arises. This recommendation was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. Our next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2001.

May 17, 2001

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 17, 2001, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Steve Williams, moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. He read Luke 4:14-22 and opened with prayer.

The following churches were represented – an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Friendship, *Ledger, *Little Rock Creek, McKinney Cove, *Pine Branch and Spruce Pine, First. A total of ten people were present. Minutes of the February meeting were read by the clerk.. The bank balance for the day was $7,313.69.

Marlene Ayers, WMU Director, stated that the Annual WMU Meeting had been a success.

A report from Don Ford, Building and Grounds Committee Chairman, was handed out in his absence. It stated that part of the associational office had been painted and that a workday had been scheduled for May 21 to complete the painting project. He also stated that the next thing that needed to be done was the replacement of the linoleum in the building. The replacement cost will be approximately $1,500 and only $200 has been designated for this purpose. He asked for us to pray that God will meet this need.

Old business included:

Our Director of Missions presented a draft for the new signs for the associational office to be placed at the bottom of Berry Chapel's sign and to be placed on the building. The total cost will be $1,250 and will be done by Albert Woods. A recommendation was made to take this money out of the budget. After some discussion the motion was made to do this by Rev. Russell McKinney. The motion was seconded and approved.

Our Director also stated that not enough interest was shown in the "Judgement House" project, so the idea was being dropped.

New business included:

The Director of Missions made a recommendation that we participate in the North American Mission Board's "Light Up the Nation" project and look into the possibility of starting new churches in this area. A motion was made to accept this recommendation

and it was seconded and approved.

Rev. Dallas Renfro made a motion that Randy Bonner be asked to write a letter to the Biblical Recorder to make corrections in the inconsistencies of a recent article about his ministry in this area. Tom Reeves seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.

The Director read a letter from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Mitchell High School. They are asking for supplies and financial help as they go to do a Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Phelps, Kentucky. He asked for the members to get word out to their churches.

Our Moderator announced a Baccalaureate Service for the Mitchell High Seniors to be held at Pine Branch Baptist Church on May 27, 6:00 P.M.

Members were asked to remember the Senior Adult Rally on May 21 and to remember two members from First Baptist Church who would be traveling to North Korea. These were Robert Stroup and Dale Duncan.

Rev. Russell McKinney dismissed the meeting with prayer. Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on August 27 and 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

ANNUITY BOARD

The Annuity Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in partnership with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides services related to retirement planning, financial support of ministers and other church employees, life and health insurance, ministry to seminary/divinity students, and church/clergy tax issues. These services are provided in a variety of ways to churches and church employees.

As a result of an expanded mission statement and two new ministry assignments given to the Annuity Board in 2000, the year 2001 is proving to be one of transition. Specifically, much of the Board's work during 2001 has focused on preparing to offer personal investing and institutional investments with the accompanying need for all the investment funds to be registered during this year. Despite a disappointing year in the financial markets, ten of fourteen Annuity Board investment funds out-performed their benchmark for the year. More specifically, all six equity funds and all four blended funds exceeded benchmark returns while all four fixed income select funds under-performed.

Insurance continues to be one of the greatest challenges as the Annuity Board continually seeks to maintain viable products for participants. New insurance products and services have been developed and plans outlined for implementation. Two new Medicare supplement plans were designed and implemented. The Annuity Board paid more than $139 million insurance benefits last year.

The Endowment Ministry, designed to give support to retired ministers, denominational employees and their widows with special needs, enjoyed a banner year. The relief ministry reached a record monetary level as $5.3 million was distributed to needy retired ministers and widows. Guidelines for the Adopt An Annuitant ministry were revised to allow more applicants to qualify for the gift.

As of May 31, 2001, there were 4,842 active participants in the retirement plan with 62% of our North Carolina churches participating. The number of persons receiving retirement benefits has increased to 2,815 with another 361 being assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant ministry plan.

It is our strong desire to serve all of our churches, ministers, and church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102, extension 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org or call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511 or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross, Senior Consultant

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

Founded in 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. (BRH) is one of North Carolina's most respected providers of long-term care. With four retirement communities throughout the state, BRH provides all levels of care for Older Adults, including special programs for conditions such as Alzheimers' Disease. The Homes' new continuing care retirement community called the Gardens of Taylor Glen is under development near Charlotte. BRH also owns and operates a home health program that provides certified nursing and therapy services to homebound individuals. Baptist Retirment Homes is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

At the Brookridge Community, 60% of the resident population is Baptist. About 80%

of the resident population of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home is Baptist. The Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home are primarily composed of Baptist residential populations.

Fees vary according to facilities and the level of care chosen or required by residents. A full schedule of fees for each facility is available upon request. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities owned by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamiliton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit, church-related, long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission. Contributions received from the Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and from local Baptist churches across the state are used exclusively to help BRH provide care for those Older Adults in either assisted living or nursing care who are unable to pay the full cost of the services they need.

Baptist Retirement Homes is affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is a separate and distinct corporate entity. Messengers of the churches that compose the Baptist State Convention elect BRH Board members. In 1999, funds received from the Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and local Baptist churches totaled approximately $1.6 million. All of those monies are being used to support Older Adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the care they receive.

The Elder Care Network (1-800-887-7410) is a free service offered by Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc to older adults and their families. One number connects you to a statewide system of caregivers, community resources, and retirement communities to help you deal with the many difficult issues of aging.

The Brookridge Retirement Community is in Winston Salem.

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home is located in northwest Asheville.

The Hamilton Baptist Home is in Hamilton (eastern North Carolina)

The Taylor House is in Albemarle

The Gardens of Taylor Glen is in Concord

In-Home Care is a Medicare/Medicaid-certified home health care program designed to provide nursing and therapy services to North Carolina Older Adults. (336-722-1470)

Respectfully submitted,
J. Luther Osment

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

When it comes to colleges, *"one size does not fit all."* There is a difference.

North Carolina has 117 post-secondary institutions. Some are classified as community or technical colleges. Others are public, while some are private. Some are Bible colleges. One is a seminary and one is a junior college.

Some have large campuses, while others have modest facilities. Some have major sports teams, while others offer intramural events. Some have significant endowments, while others struggle to stay open. Some have government support, while others depend upon private support.

North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities are unique. They are institutions we trust and support. They represent places that share our core belief that one's education should involve the heart, soul and mind. This belief is not shared by every institution in our state. Some are not allowed to invoke the name of God, neither are they allowed to worship God. North Carolina Baptist colleges, however, are different.

The colleges and universities associated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina affirm their faith in God and acknowledge their Baptist heritage. Students on our campuses are challenged to develop their faith through Bible study, worship, ministry and mission opportunities in addition to their academic studies.

When a professor on one of our campuses was asked *"Why have you chosen to be a part of this facility?"* He responded, *"Because I am free to mention the name of Jesus on this campus."*

When it comes to colleges, *"one size does not fit all."*

Students in our churches struggle when they are deciding which college or university to attend. It is a decision that will follow them the rest of their lives. If they choose a school where faith is left out of their educational experience, they will graduate with degrees without the benefit of their faith being challenged.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for your continued support of Christian higher education at Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest and Wingate.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne D. Wike, Executive Director

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

In 2000, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina served a record 2,000 children and more than 1,600 families statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde, a maternity home in Asheville, a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir, value change homes for boys and girls in Franklin and Asheville and for girls in Lenoir, a wilderness camp for boys in Cameron, emergency care cottages at each of the residential campuses and in Waynesville, and a model day care in Thomasville.

Standing ovations, applause and heartfelt hugs greeted the children and staff at their 30-minute presentation during the 2000 Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. More than 130 BCH children, child care workers and staff sang, shared their stories and said "thank you" to the approximately 4,500 messengers attending the Tuesday afternoon session. Messengers heard the special testimonies from Citadel graduating senior and former Broyhill Home resident Jason Davis and Hannah Adams' mother Donna. Hannah has participated in both the 2000 and 2001 BCH Respite Camp for Developmentally Disabled Adults.

Jason was featured in the 1995 Baptist Children's Homes report to the convention. At that time he was 17 and dreamed of a career in the Air Force. During his testimony at the 2000 convention, Jason appreared in the full dress uniform of The Citadel. He reminded messengers that if it had not been for their care and support he could have never realized his dream. He told messengers that he credited them for the opportunities he has known. Jason said he plans to always come back to visit the children and just as others gave to help him, he would give to help the other children who would come to BCH after him. Upon his graduation from the Citadel in May 2001, Jason Davis was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

The final testimony of the BCH presentation was not given by a child, but by a mother. Donna Adams of Laurinburg strained to maintain her composure as she shared how BCH's new ministry for developmentally disabled adults was the answer to her prayers. Adam's daughter Hannah suffered brain damage as an infant. Today, Hannah is a beautiful young woman. Donna said she is comforted in knowing North Carolina Baptists and the Baptist Children's Homes would be there as her family plans for Hannah's future. She thanked messengers on behalf of other parents and families of developmentally disabled children for their support and commitment to this ministry.

Because of the support of Baptist churches all across North Carolina, Baptist Children's Homes met the 2000 Thanksgiving Offering goal of $1,000,000! The goal was record for the agency. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell said he was "enormously gratified

at this outpouring response." Baptist Children's Homes is grateful to all North Carolina Baptists who committed themselves to help meet this challenging goal.

The First Baptist Church of Salisbury set a goal they couldn't reach. Interim pastor, Dr. Dale Steele said collecting a church record of $18,300 for the 2000 Thanksgiving Offering was fun. Dr. Steel recounted the meetings that led to setting the church's goal at 1% of the total BCH goal of $1 million or $10,000. In 1999, the church gave approximately $3,500. The church's leadership decided to set a goal they could not reach on their own. Leading with prayer and a commitment to meet their goal, the church watched as they passed their goal and reached their record amount. One month after receiving the record Thanksgiving Offering, the First Baptist Church of Salisbury collected the third-largest Lottie Moon ingathering in 11 years. Dr. Steel credits the church's vision, enthusiasm and determination to do their part for missions as being the key to their success.

In June, Baptist Children's Homes broke ground for two new group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Winston-Salem. The homes — Davis House and Hinkle House — are being built adjacent to BCH's Baptist Home at Bethabara and will open in early 2002. The R.P. and Ella Mae Stegall Home was dedicated August 19, 2001. The new group home is located in Marshville and provides residential care for nine boys.

The study guide to accompany Dr. Michael C. Blackwell's book *New Millennium Families* is being made available to churches for group Bible studies this fall. Dr. Blackwell believes BCH can help strengthen families in North Carolina Baptist churches and is committed to providing the necessary resources. Dr. Blackwell's new book, *A Place for Miracles.* is a history of Baptist Children's Homes, and will be available in late 2001.

The 2001 Thanksgiving Offering goal is $1,100,000. This represents a $100,000 increase over last year's record-setting amount. The number may seem enormous, but there is an enormous need. Children and families turn to BCH broken, battered and burdened. But with the help of North Carolina Baptists, BCH shows them God's love. BCH is counting on North Carolina Baptist churches to help meet this important goal during this time of economic uncertainty. Call 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1209 to order promotional material, the new Thanksgiving Offering video, last year's BCH Convention Presentation video or to request a speaker to tell the BCH story in person.

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, church-designated and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables us to fulfill our mission statement: "helping hurting children...healing broken families."

Baptist Children's Homes are grateful for North Carolina Baptists' prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Blackwell, President
Sandy Saunders, Chairman, Board of Trustees

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

The breadth and depth of the North American mission field is unprecedented. There are 312 million people living in the United States and Canada. It is estimated that 200 million of them do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet, the depth of North America's lostness is evident when 91 percent of respondents in a recent survey considered themselves Christian, even though less than one-third said they had been born-again.

Our culture is hungry for truth but is developing its own understanding of a relationship with God. These unprecedented days of opportunity demand the church deliver the gospel truth in every conceivable way.

In coordination with state Baptist conventions, associations, and other Great Commission partners, NAMB has developed strategies and resources to help Christians and their churches share the gospel as never before. Some of NAMB's breakthroughs this past year include:

- More than 2,000 schools are using the FISH! strategy. The average number of commitments to Christ on each of these campuses is four per month.
- More than 100,000 people per month are spending an average of 10 minutes each on one of NAMB's Internet Web sites. This past year hundreds made professions of faith through NAMB's Web sites and were referred to local Southern Baptist churches for follow-up.
- 2,614 SBC-endorsed chaplains led 21,000 people to faith in Christ.
- The Evangelism Response Center is making it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 34,635 calls received and 673 people made salvation decisions during the calls.
- Pregnancy care centers ministered to 28,382 clients, resulting in 2,186 babies

born and 29 adoptions, 832 professions of faith. There are 2,770 Southern Baptist churches involved in the Alternatives for Life ministry.

- As a result of church and community ministries, there were 28,384 professions of faith.
- Development of cutting-edge evangelism resources for families, women, children and church leaders.

Through the faithful giving of Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before.

In 2000, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, set records. Receipts for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering jumped 11 percent in 2000 to $48.4 million, the largest increase since 1982 and the eighth consecutive record offering.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

I trust that this report will bless you as you catch a vision of how God is at work. We at the International Mission Board have been thrilled to lead Southern Baptists to reach the nations with the gospel of Christ.

We're being driven by a passion for every tribe and people and tongue and nation to have the opportunity to hear, understand and respond to the gospel in their own local cultural context...that God might be exalted among the nations and His name proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

God calls each of us to plant our lives with a passion for His mission. I am confident you will be sensitive to His call and to pray and support the work of the IMB. The Word of God can be planted in the hearts of people around the world when we invest the resources and plant our lives to complete "The Unfinished Task."

God is working in amazing ways through Southern Baptists and Baptist partners overseas with whom IMB missionaries are affiliated. Last year a record 451,301 baptisms were reported and 6,525 churches were started on mission fields worldwide, representing increases of 24.1 percent and 37.4 percent, respectively. The total membership of overseas Baptist churches exceeded 5.6 million, a 14.4 percent increase in members from 1999.

Southern Baptists support international missions through concerted prayers and sacrificial giving. Prayer prepares the paths of Southern Baptists as they share the gospel around the world. Southern Baptists fund international missions through their gifts to the

Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and through other channels. Other International Mission Board income includes gifts through Baptist foundations and undesignated gifts.

Southern Baptists gave more than $113 million for the cause of International missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 2000. Those gifts pushed the offering's 113–year cumulative total past the $2 billion mark.

For Christmas, 2001, WMU and the International Mission Board have set a $120 million goal for the offering. This offering is very important to the missions mandate because it goes to fund the basics of our missionaries being on the field and of having the means to do their jobs. They are waiting anxiously to know whether they are going to have funds to do the evangelism, the church planting, and the leadership training that needs to be done. We have almost 5,000 missionaries in 154 countries working among 1,200 people groups. Our vision is to lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rankin, President

STATE MISSIONS

"Mobilizing Baptists for Ministry"

Did you know — one-half of North Carolina's population is unchurched? North Carolina Baptists are on the move, carrying God's good news across our state. *"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!* Romans 10:15b

Facts about North Carolina:

- Population - 8,049,313
- Number of unchurched - 4 million
- Number of ethnic groups - 27
- Largest ethnic groups - Hispanic and Korean
- Mentally handicapped persons - 218,000
- Hearing-impaired persons - 300,000

Facts about North Carolina Baptist ministries in 2000:

- Number of Baptist churches in state conventions - 3,911
- Number of baptisms - 26,257
- Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches - 1.16 million

- Churches with special education ministries - 120
- Participants in retreats for persons with mental disabilities - 655
- Persons attending day camps for persons with mental disabilities - 400
- Persons attending annual retreat for the blind - 26
- Churches with ministries to the deaf - 85
- Persons attending annual deaf youth retreat - 120 (12 professions of faith)
- Non-English languages in which NC churches minister - 27
- Non-English language churches started in NC - 33
- English language churches started - 41

Baptist Men Ministries

- Volunteers still rebuilding homes down east as a result of Hurricane Floyd - 20,000+
- Floyd-damaged homes that have been or are being rebuilt by NC Baptist volunteers - 1,400+
- Individuals participating in Disaster Relief Training - 400+
- Volunteers in national and international mission projects through NC Baptist Men - 2,029
- Campers at Camp Caraway - 1,009 (90 professions of faith; 305 rededications; 60 commitments to full-time ministry)
- Participants in Christian High Adventure - 67

Medical/Dental Bus

- Medical patients - 278; Dental patients - 647
- Professional medical/dental volunteers - 202
- Lay volunteers - 426
- Professions of faith reported - 25
- Number of pilots enlisted in Aviation Ministry - 250]
- Average flights requested per month - 50

WMU Ministries

- Campers at Mundo Vista summer camps - 1,361
- Women attending Missions Extravaganza - 2,460
- Participants in WMU Associational Leadership Team training - 600+
- Participants in WMU retreat for Raleigh Correctional Center - 50
- WMU prison ministry Christmas "red boxes" filled - 2,345
- Associations and churches participating in Literacy Missions - 52; workers

involved in these ministries - 330

The North Carolina Mission Offering (NCMO) makes possible many of the mission ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The offering provides the entire operating budgets of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men. In addition, many of the Mission Growth Evangelism ministries (such as church planting and language churches) are supported by the offering. Approximately 10 percent of the receipts from churches in each association are returned to that community for local ministries.

The North Carolina ministries depend on prayer and volunteer involvement as well as financial support. Without the support of those who pray and volunteer to "go," our missions work in North Carolina cannot succeed. (Check opportunities listed on our web site at www.bscnc.org.)

The Baptist State Convention provides materials to help your church participate in the NCMO and Week of Prayer emphasis. Promotional packets were mailed to every church in the state and additional materials are available free of charge upon request.

In 2000, North Carolina Baptists gave $2.21 million to the offering. This year's goal is $2.6 million. The suggested dates for this year's offering and week of Prayer are Septembher 9-16. However, churches may promote the offering anytime during the year. Funds received in the accounting office of the state convention through December 31, 2001, will be credited to this year's offering.

Continue praying for the NCMO and Week of Prayer. Pray for people who will participate in mission opportunities and for those who will be reached through ministries made possible by the North Carolina Missions Offering.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 15.8 million members in approximately 45,000 churches in all 50 states and Canada. These churches work together through approximately 1,200 associations, 40 state conventions, two fellowships and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone. Cooperative Program missions is a caring people partnering together to touch the world. The Southern Baptist worldwide mission enterprises is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 1999, these churches sent nearly $462 million through

the Cooperative Program to their state convention to support work within the state and the SBC. As determined by messengers to the annual session of each state convention, a percentage of the Cooperative Program receipts is sent to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to SBC entities. In 1999, an average of 63% of total Cooperative Program receipts was used for state convention ministries, and roughly 37% was forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention for national and worldwide ministries. Messengers to the 2000 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention approved the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2000-2001 of $167,996,385.

North Carolina Baptists can be proud of their continued support of cooperative missions, including missions and ministries in every county of our state, in every state of our nation and around the world. When your church contributes through the Cooperative Program you literally join thousands of other Southern Baptist churches in the most efficient and effective mission support plan to be found anywhere.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

Baptists cling stubbornly to the idea that people should think for themselves and make up their own minds about issues of importance. For this reason, Baptists affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) are fortunate to have a resource that provides regular, dependable and balanced news coverage of wide-ranging matters relating to Baptist life.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the official news journal of the BSCNC , has served this purpose since its establishment in 1833 by Thomas Meredith, a prime mover in founding the Baptist State Convention in 1830. The *Biblical Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors for news and editorial writing in 2000.

The *Biblical Recorder's* strategic role in promoting God's kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists grows from its mission statement: "to further Christ's kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."

As a BSC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* belongs to all North Carolina Baptists, and appropriately reflects the geographical, ecclesiological and theological diversity that is typical of the churches making up the Baptist State Convention. The editors and staff of the *Recorder* work diligently to offer a fair and balanced presentation of the news that

most affects the life and ministry of North Carolina Baptists. Opinions advanced through editorials, letters, and analytical essays help to spark informed thinking on important issues. Feature stories about notable or innovative activities of churches and associations, regular reports on partnership missions efforts, and weekly commentaries on the most popular Sunday School lessons offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers of the *Recorder*.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular presence on the World Wide Web, significantly enhanced through major upgrades in early 2001. The *Recorder's* website at www.biblicalrecorder.org offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content online, and allows for the posting of breaking news prior to the printing of the next issue. New features include an internal search engine, a church locator service, classified ads, Bible study resources and a news/weather portal. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at very affordable subscription rates. Currently, the annual rates are:

- Church News Service (incorporates church newsletter into the *Recorder*) - $7.50
- Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - $8.50
- Club Plan (4 or more persons in a church subscribe together) - $9.75
- Individual Subscription - $11.90

Subscription packets and free samples issues are available. For more information, please contact: Biblical Recorder, Inc.

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CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of the great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and

educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that our light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

Christian Values

1. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Sixth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.

2. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of The Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 17,000 copies have been mailed. CAL was instrumental in getting HB 195 passed that would allow public schools to post the Ten Commandments. This bill passed 94-18 on July 26, 2001.
3. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians through e-mail alerts and radio.
4. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters "In God We Trust" through our newsletter and providing a link from our website for the purchase of these posters.
5. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.
6. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention.

Radio

"Christians in Action," Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, has expanded to WAAE, 91.9 FM in New Bern and WRNA (1140 AM) and WKRB (AM 1460) in Kannapolis. This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

Gambling

1. The Christian Action League has been instrumental in keeping a lottery referendum bill in Committee. Through our newsletter, e-mails, radio and postal service, we have encouraged the Christian Citizens of North Carolina to keep letters and calls constantly coming to the N.C. General Assembly telling their legislators they do not want a lottery in North Carolina.

2. The Executive Director and President of CAL joined Citizens United Against the Lottery in a grassroots effort to fight the lottery. The Executive Director spoke at a news conference held at the Press Room of the Legislative Building by this group. Members of CUAL are Chuck Neely, former gubernatorial candidate, Frank Daniels, Jr., former publisher of the News and Observer, Dr. William Friday, former President of the UNC System; Dr. Billy Graham, U.S. Senator Lauch Faircloth, former State Treasurer Harlan Boyles and former Governor Robert Scott.

3. CAL has held "A Chrisian Looks at Gambling" workshops in Statesville, Burlington, Morehead City, New Bern, Laurinburg, Asheville, Charlotte, Beulaville and Salisbury --- areas whose legislators were targeted as "on the fence" on the lottery issue.

4. The League has provided a packet of gambling materials for preachers across the state to use in educating their people about the dangers of a lottery.

Abortion

1. The Executive Director of CAL spoke before a Senate Committee to promote HB 275 – Infant Homicide Prevention Act. The bill, which nearly failed to get out of the House in the spring, gained near unanimous support after the Christian Action League got behind the legislation. The bill allows mothers under circumstances to avoid abandonment charges if they leave their newborn with a responsible adult or health care provider. The League believes that this is an alternative to abortion and infant homicide after birth.

2. CAL has encouraged its members to call President Bush to encourage hom to stand firm for the sanctity of human life on the issues of stem cell research through e-mails.

Alcohol

- Participated in four LBD campaigns since January, 2001. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and providing educational materials. Wilson Mills was successful in defeating off-premise beer and wine sales.
- Worked in the General Assembly for defeat of HB 1143 – Sports Club ABC Permits which would allow liquor-by-the-drink without a vote of the people.

Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director of CAL, spoke before the Senate Committee against this bill. Unfortunately, the Governor signed this bill into law on 5/30/01.

Pornogrpahy

Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform the public of the inernet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

Homosexuality

CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our e-mail alert and newsletter. We tract bills that would give protected status for homosexuals. Several bills this session are HB 941, HB 871 and SB 547; all remain in committee.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send our an e-mail alert every Friday to over 600 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation. All services of the Christian Action League are provided at no charge. We depend on God's people to provide for His work.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director
Coy C. Privette, President

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2000, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 30 endowment funds and 18 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.9 million and received $3.6 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 164 churches

and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $4.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. With a total of $10.1 million in contributions, it was the best year ever eclipsing the previous high of $9.3 million recorded in 1999.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2000, the Foundation held $97.4 million under management. This is an increase of more than $4.1 million over 1999.

The Foundation also experienced a record year in distributions in 2000. The previous high in distributions was 1999, with $5.3 million distributed to charity and individuals. In the year 2000, our distribution totaled 9.1 million dollars, with charity receiving $6.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.4 million. During the 81-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $18.5 million has been distributed to individuals and $32.4 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $47.1 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hunter, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

"We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." Baptist Hospital's founding commission penned these words in 1921, and this partnership in healing has been our defining purpose. Our Christian heritage remains the foundations of Baptist Hospital and undergirds our daily commitment to provide compassionate, state-of-the-art medical care. The Christian faith is truly the "soul of our institution."

The mission of the School of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital is: To *provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ.* We are thankful that North Carolina Baptists are a significant partner in this mission, helping us bring hope to thousands of people each year.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided ministry during the past year through more than 61,000 pastoral visits, and worship services every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The department's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program received a 10-year accreditation from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education site review team. Fifty-eight students received training in one of the largest and finest CPE programs in America.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc. continues to develop its ministries. Rev. Steve Scoggin became the director of the system's newest center, the East Carolina Counseling Centers, Inc., in Greenville, N.C. CareNet's counseling centers provided more than 25,500 hours of compassionate pastoral counseling in 17 locations across the state during the year. It is the largest pastoral counseling system in the nation. Thanks to N.C. Baptists, free or reduced rate counseling is made available to lower income people.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to assist churches in becoming healthier communities of faith. The Center provides consultation to 25 congregations a month. Over 600 church leaders received training in educational events conducted by the Center during the past year. These include the Young Leaders Program for ministers under age 40, and Intentional Interim Ministry training. Thanks to N.C. Baptists, the Center receives essential support for its ministries. This support pays for initial consultation for all Baptist churches, and provides subsidies for churches and ministers who need special financial assistance.

The Department of Church and Community Relations continues to serve as a liaison between the Hospital and churches of the Baptist State Convention. The department's director, Rev. Paul Mullen, provided ministry through 150 requests for assistance with obtaining medical care or concerns about medical bills. More than $65,000 was provided to N.C. Baptist ministers and their families by the 25% subsidy for their hospital bills. A variety of benevolent ministries was also coordinated, primarily the Baptist Benevolent Care Fund.

North Carolina Baptists, through the Mother's Day Offering, opened their hearts to patients in financial need and gave $560,624 in 2000 for the compassionate mission of benevolent care at Baptist Hospital. All of these funds were used to pay the hospital bills of patients in financial need. The fund helps patients who "fall between the cracks," making too much for government assistance but not enough to pay for healthcare insurance. They are deeply thankful to N.C. Baptists for this gracious witness to God's love. As one recipient said, "God smiled on us through the Baptists of North Carolina." Her son is a 13-year-old cancer patient.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best - Baptist Hospital, part of the Wake Forest University

Baptist Medical Center, ranks among the nation's top hospitals according to the July 2001 issue of *U.S. News and World Report.* One hundred eighty-eight of the nation's 6,299 hospitals appear on this list.

Comprehensive Cancer Center Recognized for Excellence - The Medical Center's Comprehensive Cancer Center received a 5-year renewal of its status from the National Cancer Institute. The Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of only 37 such centers in the nation, and is the only one in Western North Carolina. It includes Prostate and Breast Cancer Centers of Excellence.

Medical Center Earns Recognition for Trauma Care - Baptist Hospital, a Level One Trauma Center, received verification in both adult and pediatric trauma services in February 2001 by the American College of Surgeons. It is the first Level One Trauma Center in North Carolina to receive such recognition.

Downtown Health Plaza Opens - The 47,000 square foot Downtown Plaza opened in 2001 to provide healthcare for underserved people in Forsyth and surrounding counties. Thousands of indigent children, adolescents, and adults have received compassionate and thorough medical care during the year.

Expansion of Brenner Children's Hospital - Construction of a 400,000 square foot, 11-story addition to the hospital's Ardmore Tower is moving toward completion. Six of the floors will provide space for Brenner Children's facilities, such as private patient rooms, family resource centers, and programs for children with disabilities. The Tower will also include new cardiac catheterization labs and operating rooms.

Information and Appointments - For more information on health related issues or to make an appointment with a physican, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

A Closing Word from the President: The values of our Christian faith are the guiding principles of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital mission. We are strongly committed to be a place of healing, bridging compassionate and respectful care in the Spirit of Christ with the best of medical science and technology. This commitment reflects our heritage and shapes our vision for the future. We are thankful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partner in this healing mission. We were created to care for people in times of their greatest healthcare needs, and we are here for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

WMU

The Lord has multiplied the effects of our efforts in our associational WMU this year.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held the first Monday night in November at Beaver Creek Baptist Church. Our speaker was Sheila Story from Franklin Graham's office in Boone. Sheila is one of the co-ordinators for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box ministry. Sheila has also helped deliver shoe boxes to foreign countries. It truly was a blessing to have her speak. We had great attendance! Our offering was $278.00 and it went to the Baptist Women's World Alliance.

Our WMU associational Christmas project this year was preparing shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. We had many WMU groups help with this project and some churches that do not have an active WMU also prepared boxes. Operation Christmas Child is also an on-going National WMU project! These are simply shoe boxes filled with a variety of things such as small toys, gloves, caps, pencils, crayons, flash-lights, batteries, etc. Five dollars is placed in each box to help cover the cost of shipping and a note with your address can be placed in the box. Some have received letters back from the child who received their box. What a blessing that is!

The boxes are wrapped in colorful paper and taken to processing points. Our boxes were taken to the processing place at Samaritan's Purse in Boone. We had 901 boxes from our association. To God be the Glory!

At the processing points around the United States and Canada, volunteers open each box to make sure there is nothing offensive in them such as toy guns or knives, because many of these boxes go to war-torn countries. There is a gospel message placed in each box in the language of the country to which they will be going. Many children and their parents around the world have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior because of a simple shoe box. Whether you are a WMU group or individual you can volunteer to help with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, or you can just go up and visit and watch God at work. Call Samaritan's Purse at 1-828-262-1980. Boxes went to 75 countries last year.

Our Mitchell Associational WMU Annual Meeting was held at Grassy Creek Baptist Church on Monday night, April 3rd. Our speaker was Mr. Will Porter from Baptist Children's Home in Clyde, N.C. Will and Betty Porter are houseparents for a cottage of fourteen boys. With Will were two of the boys – Bryan and Jason.

Jason gave his testimony on how he came to be at a Baptist Children's Home. Bryan sang. He will be going to the Citadel this fall.

Several ladies testified on what visiting the Baptist Children's Home has done for their church. Little Rock Creek's WMU group talked with Will at the meeting and has since visited Will and Betty at Clyde and ending up adopting that cottage. The ladies of Little Rock Creek have bought some things the cottage needed (weed-eater) etc. and are planning to provide quilts and other things for them for Christmas. They had Will and

Betty and the boys at Little Rock Creek for a picnic and celebration of four of the boys' birthdays.

Chic-fil-a's Truett Cathy said: "It's easier to build boys and girls than it is to mend men and women." An offering was taken for the Children's Home and we collected $603.00.

I appreciate Jean Warren for covering for me at the Annual Meeting, and thanks to Beaver Creek for hosting World Day of Prayer and Grassy Creek for hosting our Annual Meeting. My thanks to all the ladies in our association who are so willing to help with each WMU project. I appreciate Judy Greer who has helped us in many, many ways.

Our theme this year is "Beyond Belief!" It is beyond belief what God does through the Baptist Women of Mitchell Baptist Association. They truly have a heart for missions! Little is much when God is in it.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers
Associational WMU Director

BROTHERHOOD/BAPTIST MEN

Another associational year has come to a close with God richly blessing us with opportunities to serve him by meeting the needs of others. Our Baptist Men and Women have served in Arkansas, Alaska, El Salvador, throughout North Carolina, Kentucky, Russia and most recently responded to the flood-stricken areas of West Virginia. We continually strive to make ourselves available to serve our Lord and Master by Baptist supported training and seeking God's wisdom and direction in our lives. I deeply thank each church and our association for their continued support in meeting the needs of those who are less fortunate.

Two more homes have been rebuilt in eastern North Carolina thanks to Bear Creek and Berry Chapel Baptist Churches. A total of four homes have been rebuilt by members of our association since hurricane Floyd. There is still a need for help in their area with only a completion rate of 70%. There remains over 100 homes still in need of repair. In the past year our North Carolina Baptist Men have held training in Asheville, Camp Caraway, Cary, and Kinston. This training consists of the following:

Feeding: A. Canopy set up
B. Cooking
C. Sanitation
D. Disaster Relief Evangelism

Recovery:
A. Chainsaw
B. Roofing
C. Mudout/tearout
D. Flooring/sheetrock
E. Relief evangelism

Childcare
Water Purification

As you can see from the above, we have many areas in which we can be God's hands and feet here on earth. God has blessed us each with varying degrees of talent that we may bring honor and glory to Him when we obey and follow him. The above areas give each church an opportunity to pool their congregation's (men and women) talent and form a team ready to respond in a time of need. I would be happy to assist in forming a team or Baptist Men's group (or in any other way) that I may be able to help. There are many ways and areas that our women can become involved in. This is not just for our men only. This presents a perfect opportunity for families to be involved together in mission work. As of July, over 580 men and women have participated in Disaster Relief training since March of the current year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Brotherhood/Baptist Men's Director this year and may God richly bless you as we serve in Jesus' name.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddie Williams
Associational Brotherhood/Baptist Men's Director

BIBLE DRILLS

"From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

I am very proud of Mitchell County Baptist churches for their participation in Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament. We had thirteen churches involved this year and two of those were new to these programs. I commend all churches and encourage the new ones to continue. My prayer and heart's desire is to have more churches participating and busy teaching children and youth God's Word.

As your associational leader, I have been researching Bible Drills and speakers in Mitchell County. I was very much interested in the origin of how it became a part of Training Union. I was told by Nina Buchanan (former associational leader) that it became a part of Training Union to benefit the accelerated learner who needed to be challenged.

Our children today need to be challenged; however, the most important reason to me for Bible Drills is that it was God's commandment 2,000 years ago before they were to enter the Promised Land. They were to keep God's commandment and teach them to their children (Deut. 5&6). I am thankful we had leaders who saw the importance of starting the accelerated program for our children. Bible Drill might not be for all children, but I think any child can do it if they receive a challenge – plus encouragement from parents and leaders.

We Americans have become lazy. We don't like challenges. We think of it as just hard work and a waste of time. We can see no visible benefits so we complain there is no one to teach it, no one has the time (and believe me it is time consuming), we're involved in too much other things (sports, etc.). You can't get them to do it. My advice to parents and leaders is make it challenging, reward their efforts. Then encourage the student to keep on keeping on until they are state winners for six or more years. I was challenged as a young child in Bible school to learn the books of the Bible and read my Bible through. I achieved this and was very thankful for my teachers who cared.

I want to address the main idea or theme of Bible Drill and speakers. It revolves around memorization. Memorization is almost a lost art. We memorize names, phone numbers, addresses, etc, but we fail miserably to memorize scripture, key passages, and the books of the Bible. We lose sight of what is important. It blows my mind how many adult Christians do not know the books of the Bible. I wish everyone could know them. Memorization is a challenge and I like challenges. If we want to keep our minds alert and active, there is no better way than to memorize and hide God's Word in your heart where you can pull it up when you are in a situation where you need it (and let me assure you that there will be many times you will need it).

My challenge to every church in the association is — get involved in memorizing God's Word through children and youth Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament. You are preparing your young people for ministry. Three young men from our county have been called into the ministry recently who were participants in children, youth, and speakers tournament. They are Andy Willis from Bear Creek (Children's Bible Drill - Bear Creek) who is now Youth Director for Pine Branch Baptist Church; Nathan Silver from Berry Chapel (six-year winner children and youth; regional winner of Speakers' Tournament). Nathan is available for Christian ministry. He has spoken at Buck Hill Campground, youth services, Pastors' Conference and filled in at his own church when needed.

Jonathan Thacker from Crabtree Chapel (six-year winner children and youth) is now serving as youth minister at Altapass Baptist Church, where he started Bible Drills this year. These young men are attending or have attended Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. We are very proud of them and wish them well in Christian ministry.

There are numerous other children (now adults) serving in Christian ministry. Rodney Greene (Bear Creek) works with the Youth Prison Ministry and brings inmates to church with him. Ronnie Burleson (Bear Creek) now serves as deacon and Youth Bible drill leader in his church. We have had Tommy Hensley (Mine Creek) who won state Speakers' Tournament in 1992 and spent a week at Ridgecrest where he delivered his speech. He was our first state winner since I started in 1975. Aleasha Winters (Berry Chapel) was also state winner in 1997 and also went to Ridgecrest for a week and delivered her speech. She is currently in college seeking a degree in Religion and hopes to go into mission work. Nathan Silver was a regional winner in 1998. Kristen Silver was our associational winner and advanced to regional finals in 1999 and 2000. Kristen's mother said these experiences were a great asset to her resume' for school. Jordan Burleson (Berry Chapel) was declared state winner this year, 2001, and went to Ridgecrest for a week in July. We are extremely proud of these young people and all those back prior to these youth. "Sis" Ferguson was an associational Bible drill leader in the fifties and also taught in her church (Bear Creek). She shared with me the experience her son Bobby had with Children's Bible drill. He had gotten sick and was worried he would not get to participate in the Bible drill and his mother was going over his verses in the hospital when they came to the verse that would answer what must I do to be saved and he asked his mother why he wasn't saved like the rest of the boys he knew. His mother was trying to explain when preacher Ed Burnett (has pastor) came in. His mother told the pastor what he said and he explained the plan of salvation and was saved that moment in time while in the hospital. Who knows, that child may never have been saved if his mother hadn't cared enough to get him involved in Bible drill. To God be the glory for parents and teachers who care about children and youth and who love God's Word enough to keep passing it on.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

Memorizing scripture is a life impacting study skills. It prepares young people for college. They are ready to meet the world head-on if they have acquired these skills that these programs consist of. They are very disciplined in that they know how to study, they have learned memorization, they can give speeches and know how to research topics and to write reports. They learn to think and be quick to respond.

We will have an Associational Workshop on Monday, October 1, at 7:00 P.M. at Bear

Creek Baptist Church (fellowship hall). We have a good program lined up and I pray that you will set this date on your calendar and be there. We invite representatives from every church in the association. Hope to see you then.

Our Associational Bible Drills were held at Pine Branch Baptist Church on Saturday, April 7. We are very proud of each participant in Children's Bible Drill, in Youth Bible Drill, and in Speakers' Tournament. We had 51 children and youth who participated at the associational level this year. The following children participated in the 2001 Associational Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant.

Altapass: Christopher Henline, Amber Henline, Roxanne Hughes, Willoughby McKinney

Berry Chapel: *Stefani Franklin, Courtney Greene, Rachel Stafford, Steffan Hollifield, Leigh Maynor

Chestnut Grove: *Cassandra Robinson

Crabtree Chapel: Jordan Jones, Whitney Buchanan

Freedom: Ashley Thomas, Megan Washburn, Noah Edwards, Stevie Baldwin

Liberty Hill: Kayla Ponder, Jessie Huskins

Mine Creek: *Cara McKinney, Rebecca Honeycutt

Pine Branch: Hannah Acuff, *Eric Burleson, *Tyler Dellinger, *Scott Franklin, Whitney Jones, Melissa Pittman

Roan Mountain: Tyler Renfro

Spruce Pine, First: *Kathryn Canipe, David Johnson, Molly Stroup, Lauren Wilson

The following youth participated in the 2001 Associational Youth Bible Drills. An asterisk (*) indicates a three year participant and a double asterisk (**) indicates a six year participant.

Altapass: Jasmine McKinney

Bear Creek: **Patrick Willis, Will Pitman, Jessica Pitman

Berry Chapel: Bryant Greene

Cane Creek: Benjamin McKinney, Jessica Morgan, Bryce Robinson

Chestnut Grove: Kyle Lyons

Crabtree Chapel: Amy Buchanan, Ryan Renfro, *Faith Biggs, Charity Biggs

Ledger: Stephen Stewart, John Stewart, Amy Stewart, Aaron Buchanan

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Pine Branch: Joshua Sullins

A special "congratulations" to our six year participant, Patrick Willis. This is an outstanding accomplishment. We also had two new churches participating this year, Altapass and Cane Creek. We were very pleased to have these churches with us.

We had two participants in the Speakers' Tournament. This is open to youth in grades 10-12 and only one can advance from the association. Our participants were Janelle McKinney from Altapass and Jordan Burleson from Berry Chapel. They both did an excellent job and Jordan went on to represent us at the Regional Tournament at Spindale. There, Jordan was one of three participants and he came away the winner. He presented his speech at the State Speakers' Tournament in Thomasville on May 19 and came away our winner for the state.

Just a little more Church Training history. As Nina Buchanan told me, these programs were started to benefit the accelerated learner. They were called by different names back in the fifties. The Speakers' Tournament was called the Better Speakers' Tournament and the youth was called Intermediate Sword Drill. Children's Bible drill was called Junior Memory Work. I was told that First Baptist was the first church to get involved in these programs. There was also a program for adults called "Bible Reading Tournament."

In 1953, three churches were represented at the associational level and state. They were Central, Pine Branch and First Baptist. The involvement was Mrs. Ralph Collis representing Central in the regional tournament, Adult Bible Reading. Better Speakers' Tournament was represented by Iris Ann Duncan (Pine Branch); Intermediate or Sword Drill was represented by Betty Lou Willis (First Baptist), Junior Memory Work was represented by Central's Jennie Ruth Collis and First Baptist's Peggy Sproles, Catherine Duncan, Sarah Phillips, Diane Willis and Dale Duncan. Check the lives of these people and see how they have been involved in Christian ministry. I know Dale Duncan personally and he is a big worker in missions. In 1957 records show that we had from Mitchell County, 30 Junior memory workers entered in the regional memory work tournament and won in both state and regional. One intermediate went to state tournament, one adult entered Bible reading tournament. Associational workers we know about were Charlie Mae Sproles (First Baptist) Sis Ferguson (Bear Creek), Nina Buchanan (Beaver Creek) Stuart White (Berry Chapel) and Kaye Hollifield (Berry Chapel), and now myself. Our associational drills have been held at First Baptist, Snow Hill and Pine Branch Baptist churches.

Bear Creek started Bible Drill when Ed Burnette was pastor which was in the late fifties and early sixties. Sis Ferguson, Reba Willis, Vessie Willis, and Ruby Duncan were leaders. Their first students were Bobby Ferguson, Jerry Duncan, Rosalie Buchanan and Harry Lee Pittman. They participated at Fruitland and then later taken to Caswell. Caswell was where all Bible drillers went after competition. I thought that was pretty neat. Nina Buchanan said the first time she learned of Bible Drill was when Michelle Buchanan, daughter of David and Judy Buchanan (from Bear Creek Baptist Church) came to spend the night with her daughter and her mother had told her if she went she had to

study her Bible Drill and that is how Nina became involved.

I want to thank all who so graciously took time to look up or share some Training Union history with me. Sis Ferguson, Vessie Willis, Reba Willis, and Eunice Riddle. I hope next year I can have some more church history from the other leaders in our association. If you have any information about your church or the association, I would like to hear it. Give me a call, 688-2407 or write me at 342 Hamburg Road, Bakersville, NC. I would like to know the years each church became involved and encourage all churches to get involved in the year 2002.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson, Associational Bible Drill Director

BUILDING AND GROUND COMMITTEE

The Mitchell Baptist Associational Office was constructed in 1987. Several volunteers from local churches were involved in the construction and the local missions staff have enjoyed this facility. Through the years, few funds have been budgeted for the upkeep of the building.

In the past year, some much needed maintenance has been done with limited funds and volunteer labor. In October 2000, five men volunteered their time and labor to construct a porch, install a drainage line around the building, mow and clear brush on the property. During the months of May and June 2001, five men and the associational office staff, painted almost all of the interior of the building. All of this has been done with a lot of volunteer labor and about $400 which was donated by a few churches.

For years (including 2001-2002) the budget has only included $500 for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. Most of this is spent on mowing and leaves little for anything else. There is still much to be done at the Mitchell Baptist Association's office such as installing new linoleum and replacing landscape timbers which have shifted and rotted. At the current time, there are no funds to do any of these necessary projects which exceed estimates of over $2,000. Without the assistance of the local churches and their members, the work will not get done. We need you!! It is my desire that God will burden each member of the churches in this association to contribute something, either time or funding to accomplish what needs to be done.

I Corinthians 3:9 — *"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."* While the church is God's body of believers, as

believers, we must maintain the buildings that we worship and work in for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ford
Building and Grounds Committee Chairman

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Numbers and statistics can be boring subjects but they also speak volumes when studied closely. I recently did a study of statistical information for our association for the past five years. I discovered some interesting facts. During this time ,our Sunday School attendance has fluctuated dramatically. We have gone from a high of 2,507 one year to a low of 2,392 last year. Another interesting fact that I discovered was that the total receipts of the churches has risen consistently in this five year period to a total of $3,077,000 last year. The association hasn't fared that well. Associational giving has been very unstable during this five year period. We have gone from a low of $47,000 to a high of $66,900 with a decrease last year of almost $2,000. This in spite of the fact that our operating expenses continue to rise.

This has been a very productive year for ministry in Mitchell Association. Our partnership with First Baptist Church of Phelps, Kentucky, is still on-going with many trips being made this year to do ministry at this church.

We had a tremendous response for the flood relief efforts in West Virginia. We collected and delivered approximately 12,000 pounds of food and water to this area.

This past year we also had our Senior Adult Rally, Sunday School Growth Conference and our annual Evangelism Crusade. The attendance was great at all of these events.

In this associational year I have worked with six churches in their search for a pastor. I have supplied the pulpit of 20 different churches and preached 49 times. I have attended approximately 25 committee meetings and had over 100 counseling sessions with pastors and lay persons this past year.

Nehemiah was able to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem because "the people had a mind to work." It is no coincidence that this association is recognized as one of the strongest in our state convention. We are what we are by God's amazing grace, but also because of you. You are Mitchell Baptist Association. Thank you for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine,
Director of Missions

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Zip Codes

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Elizabethton, TN	37643
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Marshall	28753
Mars Hill	28754
Micaville	28755
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1972	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Hugh Borders	M.W. Blanton	Max Holland/N.H. Brittain
1973	Roan Mountain/Pine Branch	Hugh Borders	M.W. Blanton	Norton Craig/Maurice Gilliam
1974	Liberty Hill/Ledger	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Steele/John Rhymer
1975	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Frank Ellis/R.M. Cassity
1976	Grassy Creek/S.P. First	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Upton/Dallas Renfro
1977	Berry Chapel/Beaver Creek	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hipps/Bob McCurry
1978	Pine Branch/Bakersville	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hollifield/Lee Ayers
1979	Snow Hill/Roan Mountain	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Gerold Grindstaff
1980	S.P. First/Mine Creek	Maurice Gilliam	M.W. Blanton	Jim Gore/Earl Henry
1981	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Astor Buchanan/Jim Mizell
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/S.P. First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek/	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2000 Minutes

STATISTICAL TABLES

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	366	363	19	1	2	2	2	6	4	2	9	0
Bakersville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bear Creek	739	629	6	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	13	0
Beaver Creek	266	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	532	369	11	0	2	2	3	2	2	0	11	8
Big Crabtree	211	173	5	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	40	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	152	147	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	0
Cane Creek	121	121	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Central	255	198	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	0
Chestnut Grove	50	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	202	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fork Mountain	96	55	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Freedom	292	260	8	0	2	0	3	2	1	0	11	0
Friendship	88	0	7	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	0

Grassy Creek	561	420	5	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	11	0
Ledger	106	106	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	427	351	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lily Branch	218	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	66	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
McKinney Cove	158	126	6	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	5
Mine Creek	154	142	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	10	10
Mount Carmel	411	150	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Mountain View	25	-	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Pine Branch	556	438	6	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	15	0
Roan Mountain	222	147	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
Silver Chapel	173	103	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Snow Hill	236	228	9	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	7	0
Spring Creek	179	152	8	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	617	434	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	18
Toecane	46	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	77	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Western Carolina	21	21	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	6	14
White Oak	134	65	6	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7797	6047	124	1	20	27	25	25	21	5	142	57

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Intercessory Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Assoc. Missions On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Altapass	1925	1987	A	180	0	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bear Creek	1830	1988	A	355	0	0	No	Yes	No
Beaver Creek	1906	00	A	69	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934	1999	C	210	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	A	70	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	1882	-	A	25	0	0	No	Yes	No
Calvary	1949	1991	A	66	0	1	Yes	Yes	No
Cane Creek	1869	-	A	55	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Central	1932	2000	A	65	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chestnut Grove	1923	2000	A	45	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1997	A	70	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2000	A	35	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Freedom	1988	1989	A	150	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	C	40	0	0	Yes	No	Yes

Grassy Creek	1818	2000	C	180	0	0	No	No	Yes
Ledger	1953	1999	A	55	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	1997	A	-	0	0	-	-	-
Lily Branch	1859	2001	A	65	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Cr.	1884	1997	A	50	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	1999	A	80	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	A	90	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2001	A	90	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mountain View	1932	1999	A	26	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Pine Branch	1921	2000	C	190	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roan Mountain	1813	2000	A	75	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	-	A	65	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Snow Hill	1915	1989	A	81	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	A	112	0	0	-	-	-
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	C	260	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toecane	1916	1978	A	28	0	0	-	-	-
Vision Missionary	1998	1998	A	67	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Western Carolina	2000	2000	C	50	1	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Oak	1884	2000	A	57	0	0	No	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals				3,056	1	4			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15a-(Birth-5) 15b-(6-11) 15c-(12-17) 15d-(18-24) 15e-(25-34) 15f-(35-54) 15g-(55-64) 15h-(65-up) 15i-Gen. Officers 15j-Other Bible Study 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 17-SS Not Member 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Altapass	178	32	24	14	5	33	18	34	15	3	0	111	15	160
Bear Creek	277	30	36	29	22	30	40	40	40	10	0	200	8	155
Beaver Creek	58	3	4	6	2	6	10	10	15	2	0	41	0	65
Berry Chapel	175	23	22	15	12	15	25	33	24	6	0	140	18	230
Big Crabtree	77	8	10	9	10	11	14	6	4	5	0	70	8	70
Big Rock Creek														
Black Mountain	11	1	3	-	-	2	1	2	2	-	0	11	0	0
Calvary	77	8	9	3	2	15	15	8	16	1	0	52	6	75
Cane Creek	55	4	5	6	5	5	16	10	4	0	0	50	5	56
Central	110	3	3	19	0	17	14	17	33	4	0	50	5	65
Chestnut Grove	50	1	3	2	4	-	10	-	20	10	0	28	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	79	6	8	5	5	4	15	20	10	6	0	59	6	85
Fork Mountain	45	4	3	4	3	3	7	5	6	10	0	20	0	26
Freedom	150	12	16	20	8	25	20	26	19	4	0	85	5	50
Friendship	43	0	2	3	3	1	12	10	8	4	0	34	8	35
Grassy Creek	234	10	23	40	25	24	27	14	14	12	45	159	0	80
Ledger	46	11	4	7	0	7	7	5	5	0	0	33	24	50
Liberty Hill	167	13	13	8	14	30	25	32	18	14	0	-	-	-
Lily Branch	71	1	7	4	4	10	14	13	17	1	0	44	5	46

Little Rock Creek	62	4	4	1	12	3	6	19	13	-	0	40	20	112
McKinney Cove	76	9	11	6	0	9	17	12	9	3	0	48	0	90
Mine Creek	137	17	9	20	7	15	12	33	12	11	1	80	12	45
Mount Carmel	93	7	8	11	7	14	9	34	-	3	0	68	0	103
Mountain View	26	3	3	2	0	6	3	5	4	0	0	30	0	0
Pine Branch	170	18	16	14	12	25	28	22	28	7	0	129	5	136
Roan Mountain	108	3	17	7	10	0	16	21	7	2	25	53	4	51
Silver Chapel	81	3	4	3	5	9	19	14	21	3	0	45	0	36
Snow Hill	93	6	8	8	2	7	9	11	7	10	25	59	0	54
Spring Creek	128	10	8	10	12	24	22	16	18	8	0	105	6	54
Spruce Pine, First	270	17	36	39	12	12	21	45	61	7	20	152	-	80
Toecane	30	6	3	2	0	8	1	9	1	0	0	26	8	15
Vision	141	11	11	7	2	6	6	15	82	1	0	83	0	55
Western Carolina														26
White Oak	58	0	0	18	4	8	6	10	8	4	0	42	3	84
Assoc. Totals	3376	284	333	342	209	384	465	551	541	151	116	2147	171	2189

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Altapass	25	0	0	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	58	0	0	15	39	4	15	0	0	0	15
Beaver Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	2	7	8	32
Big Crabtree	7	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	37	5	3	6	20	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fork Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	45
Friendship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ledger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lily Branch	16	0	1	3	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	18	0	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	11	9	3
Mount Carmel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Branch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silver Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	22	0	4	4	12	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	72	6	12	30	17	7	32	0	6	20	6
Toecane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	12	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
White Oak	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	269	11	22	58	156	22	164	2	24	37	101

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:
21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Altapass	76	9	15	15	37	0
Bear Creek	124	15	5	15	65	24
Beaver Creek	16	0	0	0	16	0
Berry Chapel	69	4	8	12	40	5
Big Crabtree	51	3	10	9	21	8
Big Rock Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	19	0	0	0	19	0
Cane Creek	25	3	3	3	12	4
Central	30	5	5	5	15	0
Chestnut Grove	15	0	2	2	11	0
Crabtree Chapel	27	2	1	0	9	15
Fork Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	47	5	8	4	30	0
Friendship	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	30	0	0	0	30	0
Ledger	14	0	0	2	12	0
Liberty Hill	34	0	0	5	25	4

Lily Branch	25	0	4	4	17	0
Little Rock Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	51	0	8	10	25	8
Mine Creek	74	7	7	15	42	3
Mount Carmel	25	0	2	3	17	3
Mountain View	6	0	0	0	6	0
Pine Branch	68	4	15	14	35	0
Roan Mountain	46	0	12	0	22	12
Silver Chapel	35	0	3	1	31	0
Snow Hill	34	8	6	5	15	0
Spring Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	66	0	12	17	25	12
Toecane	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	20	0	0	0	20	0
Western Carolina	5	0	0	0	0	5
White Oak	53	0	0	18	30	5
Assoc. Totals	1085	65	126	159	627	108

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Altapass	21	0	3	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	60	6	10	15	23	6	38	3	4	31	0	0
Beaver Creek	11	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	90	7	31	27	23	2	22	0	0	22	0	0
Big Crabtree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	22	3	5	0	12	2	20	5	4	10	1	0
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	8	0	0	0	7	1	10	1	0	9	0	0
Fork Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	10	0	0	0	10	0	6	0	0	6	0	0
Friendship	9	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	33	0	0	0	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ledger	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	18	4	7	7	0	0	14	7	7	0	0	0

Lily Branch	10	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	12	0	0	0	12	0	10	0	0	10	0	0
McKinney Cove	14	0	6	0	7	1	6	6	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	60	8	10	7	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Carmel	10	0	0	0	10	0	14	0	0	14	0	0
Mountain View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Branch	66	3	17	10	35	1	20	8	10	2	0	0
Roan Mountain	26	0	3	6	12	5	22	0	0	10	12	0
Silver Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	67	7	6	21	29	4	55	10	15	30	0	0
Toecane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Oak	11	0	0	0	10	1	6	0	0	6	0	0
Assoc. Totals	564	38	98	104	287	37	243	40	40	150	13	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Altapass	157,313	16,229	0	7,559	4,536	0	1,747	2,660	7,279	10,517
Bear Creek	360,444	36,177	0	24,000	4,000	3,000	4,050	20,000	8,500	84,257
Beaver Creek	44,114	10,635	642	2,399	1,922	2,399	1,546	1,522	939	326
Berry Chapel	170,863	4,063	4,767	11,960	5,126	138	115	822	303	2,149
Big Crabtree	40,653	11,491	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	445
Black Mountain	9,823	0	0	561	444	194	73	144	600	700
Calvary	35,825	0	0	0	716	1,791	0	500	916	420
Cane Creek	42,763	7,751	0	650	1,950	975	1,379	1,438	0	0
Central	84,044	9,761	2,248	1,508	7,538	325	982	2,254	623	5,600
Chestnut Grove	24,140	44,268	0	0	0	0	351	350	500	0
Crabtree Chapel	52,953	20,323	0	3,078	2,079	0	806	444	777	14,774
Fork Mountain	21,455	7,096	0	875	500	397	561	400	0	1,754
Freedom	108,062	31,271	0	420	8,645	4,562	1,485	3,339	11,124	14,268
Friendship	29,729	2,757	0	0	600	0	0	0	0	0

Grassy Creek	178,288	42,875	0	17,775	3,200	668	3,524	3,750	1,580	15,419
Ledger	33,269	3,560	0	400	456	0	1,233	2,000	0	0
Liberty Hill	86,297	5,107	27,304	2,400	2,100	703	463	2,360	0	0
Lily Branch	83,028	20,491	677	8,388	3,736	3,345	4,078	4,815	7,200	8,946
Little Rock Creek	49,697	8,093	0	0	2,363	2,000	1,100	1,500	9,298	3,789
McKinney Cove	69,155	9,433	0	2,425	2,025	1,000	1,820	1,605	800	5,380
Mine Creek	56,493	2,000	0	0	1,130	296	250	321	0	4,155
Mount Carmel	89,628	10,500	0	4,291	2,793	3,790	1,000	1,663	0	3,631
Pine Branch	175,056	33,331	7,598	17,087	3,593	2,112	2,577	11,679	3,623	9,833
Roan Mountain	72,220	11,500	0	7,357	4,004	0	1,420	3,161	940	3,575
Silver Chapel	48,596	8,145	15,026	2,400	2,599	0	1,477	4,000	2,400	6,300
Snow Hill	35,936	1,599	0	3,190	1,367	617	500	1,155	650	0
Spring Creek	63,675	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	1,250	7,962
Spruce Pine, First	319,538	78,364	5,982	23,000	500	1,575	1,163	989	7,629	34,789
Toecane	-	6,036	8,131	0	200	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	51,945	9,734	0	4,057	1,014	733	0	444	1,200	587
Western Carolina	-	2,400	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0
White Oak	37,200	1,200	0	0	200	200	200	331	0	4,762
Assoc. Totals	2,632,202	456,190	72,375	145,780	70,236	30,820	33,900	73,646	68,131	244,338

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2002

Held with
Pine Branch Baptist Church
Spruce Pine, NC
and
Friendship Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC

The next Annual Session to be held with
Mine Creek Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC
August 25, 2003

Silver Chapel Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC
August 26, 2003

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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Director of Missions ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine
Rt. 2, Box 1018, Burnsville
Moderator ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
656 Water St., Bakersville
Vice-Moderator ..... Rev. David Johnson
327 Hoot Owl Rd., Spruce Pine
Clerk/Treasurer ..... Judy Greer
140 Hill St., Spruce Pine
Historian ..... Buster Sparks
251 Ledger School Rd., Bakersville
Sunday School Director ..... Daryl Dellinger
54 Cline Dr, Spruce Pine
Baptist Men's Director/Disaster Relief Coordinator ..... Eddie Williams
7158 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
Church Music Director ..... David Thayer
1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
Evangelism Chairman ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine
Missions Committee Chairman ..... Virginia Lovejoy
1790 Fork Mountain Rd., Bakersville
Bible Drill Director ..... Martha Burleson
342 Hamburg Rd., Bakersville

ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Moderator ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
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Sunday School Director ..... Daryl Dellinger
WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
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WMU DIRECTORY

WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
Secretary ..... Nora Nell Jarrett
4680 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
G.A. Director ..... Amy Ellis
53 Spruce Pine Campground Rd., Spruce Pine
Acteens Director ..... Susie Buchanan
P.O. Box 891, Spruce Pine
Missions Consultant ..... Beulah Burleson
614 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President ..... Rev. Chris Renfro
415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland
Vice-President ..... Rev. Howard Forbes
14 Davenport Rd., Spruce Pine
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2002-2003 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. Randy Bonner
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Virginia Lovejoy, Chairman
Term Expiring 2005 .....

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Rev. Russell McKinney
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
Rev. Dallas Renfro, Chairman
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Rev. Greg Hollifield

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. Howard Buchanan, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Joe Biddix
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. David Johnson, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Max Holland
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2003 ..... Rev. Don Ford, Chairman
Term Expiring 2004 ..... David Dale
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Monroe Bridges

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North
Term Expiring 2003 ..... Eldon Cooke, Calvary
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Daniel Honeycutt
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Denny Buchanan, Roan Mountain
Central
Term Expiring 2003 ..... James Miller, Bear Creek
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Russell McKinney, Ledger
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Jerry Gouge, Silver Chapel
South
Term Expiring 2003 ..... Melanie Slagle, Mount Carmel
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. B.G. McMahan, Grassy Creek
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Fred Proctor, Crabtree Chapel

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS ..... Donnie Vickers
64 West Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK ..... Ronnie Burleson
154 Duncan Dr., Bakersville

BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine
CENTRAL ..... Roger Burleson
598 Greenwood Rd., Spruce Pine
FREEDOM ..... Stacy Thomas
130 Laurel Hill Dr., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK ..... Fred Burleson
146 Kaywilla Lane, Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL ..... Max Cabe
125 Cliff Buchanan, Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH ..... Buddy Murdock
3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK ..... Tommie L. Edwards
184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
MCKINNEY COVE ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL ..... Avery Buchanan
96 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST ..... Jean Warren
7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine
VISION MISSIONARY ..... Michael Garrison
146 Kelly Hunter Rd., Mars Hill
WHITE OAK ..... Steve Carpenter
1043 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

SERMONS FOR 2003 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Steve Stronach
Tuesday ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

ALTAPASS ..... Rodney Hughes
438 Carpenter Island Rd., Spruce Pine

BEAR CREEK ..... Chris Rathbone
415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Rev. Fred Proctor- Chairman, Alvin Livingston, Rev. Steve Stronach

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Steve Sisk-Chairman, Rev. Max Holland, Matthew Grindstaff

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER: Rev. Mark McKinney, Richard Haney, Rev. Gerold Grindstaff - Chairman

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Dallas Renfro-Chairman, Rev. Matthew Mills, Rev. B.G. McMahan

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Carol Sisk, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Chuck Pendley, Jonathan Thacker, Lois Matthews, Billy Matthews, Dale Blevins, Howard Forbes, Joe Hughes
BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, James Miller, Maria Rosa Miller, Frank Woody, Elizabeth Woody, Irene Sparks, Marie Jarrett, Walter Buchanan, Wendy Ellis,
BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Pat Johnson, Phillip Henline, Mary Henline, Anna Mae Carpenter, Beulah Burleson
BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Mary Stafford, Edna Grabowski, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer, Lou Jenkins, Jeanette Woody, Lizzie Woody, Bill Love
BIG CRABTREE: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Dora Willis, Claude Willis, Rev. Daniel Whetstine
CALVARY: Rev. Don Stafford, LeElla Cooke, Elden Cooke, Helen Beaver, Edna Sparks, Guy Sparks.
CANE CREEK: Inez Buchanan, Renae Ledford
CENTRAL: Monroe Bridges
CHESTNUT GROVE: Rev. Clifford Earley, Frank Hollifield, Maude Hughes, Hilda Hollifield
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Rev. Fred Proctor, Charles Allen, Barbara Allen, Delphia Renfro, Ted Sparks, Lillian Sparks
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Max Holland, Ivan Greene
FREEDOM: Stacy Thomas, Gladys Burleson, Stella Thomas, Charles McClellan, Elizabeth McClellan, Donna Bailey, Ola Mae Freeman, Kay Freeman
FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney, Hettie Wilcox,

Clyde Wilcox, Claudia Webb Gouge
GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matthew Mills, , Donna Mills, Sue Fox, Frank Fox, Ray G. McKinney, Karen McKinney, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson, Dorothy McKinney, Lucille Cook
LIBERTY HILL: Marie Sparks, Edith Hinkle, Walter Hoyle, Sr., Roger Miller, Virginia Miller
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Donald Davis, Denise Davis, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock, Kay Clark, Dorothy Grindstaff
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Beatrice Renfro, Gordon Lovejoy, Virginia Lovejoy, Donald Albers, Tanya Cable, Tommie Lee Edwards, Helen Phillips, Bruce Phillips
McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Don Ford, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Madie Hoilman, Jean McCourry, Albert Forbes, Clarence Fleet Hensley,
MOUNT CARMEL: Avery Buchanan, Carl Lusk, Ken Hollifield, Richard Haney
PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Beverly Williams, Quentin Buchanan, Lee Sparks, Dawn Hughes.
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Steve Stronach, Jeannie Stronach
SILVER CHAPEL: Rev. Mark McKinney, Matthew Grindstaff, Ruby Grindstaff, Mozell Howell, Fred Louis Howell, Elberta Buchanan, Sherwin Buchanan
SNOW HILL: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Morrie Burleson, Rev. Lee Ayers, Veida Ayers, Wes Brewer
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Rev. David Vess, David Thayer, Jean Warren, Dot Robinson
TOECANE: Rev. Jack Callahan, Lloyd Laws
WESTERN CAROLINA: Rev. Randy Bonner, Chris Renfro, Vince Smith
WHITE OAK: Rev. Jack Michaels, Marian McNeill, Marcella Bailey, Melvin McNeill, Sr.

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State

Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational WMU. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time

and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.

2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.

3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches

and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.

4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.

5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.

2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.

3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

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154th Annual Session
Mitchell Baptist Association

Pine Branch Baptist Church, Spruce Pine
Monday, August 26, 2002
3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: "To Live is Christ..." Philippians 1:21

3:30	Call to Order	Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator
	Hymn #424	"Jesus Is All The World To Me"
	Welcome	Rev. Steve Williams
	Scripture and Prayer	Rev. Chris Rathbone
	Committee Report: Order of Business	
	Roll Call of Churches	Judy Greer
3:45	Director of Missions Report	Rev. Daniel Whetstine
4:00	Recognitions, Announcements, Committee Appointments, Welcome New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget & Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business	

4:30 Hymn #461 ..... "I Love To Tell The Story"

4:35 Evangelism ..... Marty Dupree
Baptist State Convention

4:50 Special Music ..... Wendy Ellis

5:00 Challenge Message ..... Rev. J.D. Grant
Pastor, Calvary Road Baptist Church, Waynesville, NC

5:30 Benediction and Blessing on meal

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator

Hymn #438 ..... "He Lives"

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Donald Davis

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:10 Baptist Children's Homes ..... Lloyd Fish
Regional Development Director, Western Area

7:25 Christian Action League ..... Rev. Mark H. Creech
Executive Director

7:40 Hymn #348 ..... "Living For Jesus"

7:45 Mission Message ..... Iris & Duane Blue
Woodstock, Georgia (North American Missionaries)

8:15 Hymn #362 ..... "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

8:20 Special Music ..... David Thayer

8:30 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Bob McKinney
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction

Friendship Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 27, 2002
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00	Call to Order	Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator
	Hymn #285	"The Lily Of The Valley"
	Welcome	Rev. Bob McKinney
	Scripture and Prayer	Jonathan Thacker
	Roll Call of Churches	Judy Greer
7:15	Special Music	Pastors' Choir
7:30	Baptist Retirement Homes	Rev. Luther Osment Assistant to the President, Winston-Salem, NC
7:45	WMU	Marlene Ayers
8:00	Hymn #103	"More About Jesus"
8:05	Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business	
8:15	Special Music	Crabtree Chapel Youth Choir
8:25	Annual Sermon	Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Pastor, Mine Creek Baptist Church
9:00	Benediction	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Pine Branch Baptist Church
August 26, 2002
3:30 P.M.

1. The 154th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 26, 2002, 3:30 P.M., at Pine Branch Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harold Grindstaff. The theme for this year's sessions was "To Live Is Christ..."

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "Jesus Is All The World To Me," led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer.

3. Rev. Steve Williams, pastor of Pine Branch Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors.

4. Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church, read scripture from Romans 8:31-39, and led in the opening prayer.

5. The Order of Business Report was given by the Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine. He made the motion to accept the program for the 2002 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-eight churches were represented. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out at this time.

7. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He read from Nehemiah 4:6 and gave information on the past year's ministries. Our numbers were up in almost all areas. He also reported on the upcoming World Missions Conference. He recommended his report for approval and the recommendation was seconded and approved.

8. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.
- Roland Jarrard, Interim pastor for Central Baptist Church introduced himself.
- Marty Dupree, from the Evangelism Department of the Baptist State Convention introduced himself.
- An announcement was made to give information on the upcoming Singing Convention in September.
- Rev. Harold Grindstaff called attention to the Committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.
- Our new pastors were recognized: Rev. Chris Rathbone - Bear Creek; Rev. John Stafford - Cane Creek; and Rev. Matthew Mills - Grassy Creek.

9. Judy Greer, called attention to our Treasurer's Report. The balance at the end of the year is $7,001.61. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

10. Our Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, Elden Cooke, presented the Budget for the 2002-2003 associational year. The total for the coming year is $65,682.00. With no questions, the Budget for the coming year was seconded and approved.

11. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

12. In miscellaneous business, Rev. Harold Grindstaff reported on his ministry to India.

13. The congregation was led in the hymn, "I Love To Tell the Story."

14. Marty Dupree, from the Evangelism Department at the Baptist State Convention, gave us information on his work. His emphasis was "winning the lost," and "discipling the believers."

15. Special Music was provided by Wendy Ellis who sang, "Come and Fill My Heart," and "Amazing Grace."

16. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. J.D. Grant, pastor of Calvary Road Baptist Church in Waynesville and Vice-President of Development at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. His scripture was taken from Daniel 21:1-3 and Romans 3:9-18 and he spoke on "Why We Ought to go Soul-Winning."

17. Our benediction and blessing on the evening meal was given by Rev. Max Holland

Break for evening meal.

18. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator.

19. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "He Lives."

20. Rev. Donald Davis, pastor of Lily Branch Baptist Church, read scripture from Philippians 2 and led in prayer.

21. A second roll call of the churches was given with no more churches represented.

22. A report was given on the Baptist Children's Homes. Lloyd Fish, Regional

Development Director of the Western Area, spoke to us about the work of the Children's Homes.

23. Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director of the Christian Action League was our next guest. He gave us information on the lottery that was trying to be pushed through in North Carolina.

24. The congregation sang the hymn, "Living for Jesus."

25. Our missionary guests were Iris and Duane Blue from Woodstock, Georgia. They are volunteers with the North American Mission Board. They both gave their testimonies.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "Come, All Christians be Committed." A love offering was taken for our missionary guests.

27. Special music was provided by David Thayer and then his wife Ann joined him. Their music was enjoyed by all.

28. Rev. Bob McKinney, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, preached the evening message. His scripture was taken from Acts 27:27-33 and Hebrews 6:17-20. He spoke on "Where are You Anchored?"

29. The benediction was given by Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, pastor of Snow Hill Baptist Church.

Friendship Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 27, 2002
7:00 P.M.

30. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

31. The congregation sang the hymn, "The Lily of the Valley."

32. Rev. Bob McKinney gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors to Friendship Baptist Church.

33. Jonathan Thacker, Youth minister, Altapass Baptist Church, read scripture from Luke 24:1-8 and led in the opening prayer.

34. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Twenty-five churches were

represented at this time.

35. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir, led by Rev. Dallas Renfro.

36. A report from the Baptist Retirement Homes, was given by Luther Osment, assistant to the President of the Retirement Homes.

37. A WMU report was given by our Associational WMU Director, Marlene Ayers. She also gave information on her recent mission trip to Alaska.

38. The congregation sang, "More About Jesus."

39. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.
– Rev. Don Ford recognized Monroe Bridges, member of Central, and Ted Sparks, member at Crabtree Chapel, for their time and dedication given to the association through the years. A small gift was given to each o them.
– The upcoming Singing Convention at Berry Chapel was again announced.

40. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Steve Sisk. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. A motion was made for the adoption of this report and the motion was seconded and approved.

41. The election of officers began with the nomination of Harold Grindstaff, to serve another year as Moderator and Rev. David Johnson, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church to serve as Vice-Moderator. A recommendation was made to keep the officers the same as last year. With no opposition, the recommendation was seconded and approved. This would also include Judy Greer as the Clerk/Treasurer.

42. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2003 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Mine Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville and the second night at Silver Chapel Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Steve Stronach (pastor of Roan Mountain) and Rev. Chris Rathbone (pastor of Bear Creek).

43. Miscellaneous business included:
– Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, was recognized for his ten years of ministry to the Mitchell Association. He was presented with a card and a sculptured desk award. A love offering was then taken for him and $302 was received.
– The Resolutions Committee thanked the two host churches, Pine Branch

Church and Friendship Baptist Church, for their hospitality, and offered a special "thank you" to Pine Branch for the delicious meal on Monday afternoon. A motion was made for the adoption of this resolution and it was seconded and approved.

– A special prayer request was made for Liberty Hill. A special request was also made for Clayton Thomas.

– Matthew Grindstaff thanked everyone for their support as he answered the call into the ministry and is currently attending Fruitland.

44. Special music was provided by Crabtree Chapel's Youth Choir.

45. The Annual Sermon was given by Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor of Mine Creek Baptist Church. His scripture was Jeremiah 1:4-5 and 18:1. He spoke on "The Potter's House."

46. A special altar prayer involved the pastors, deacons, and Sunday school teachers. Following this special time of prayer our meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee

November 15, 2001

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 15, 2001, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. He read from Psalm 85:6 and opened with prayer. The following churches were represented – an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Friendship, Grassy Creek, Liberty Hill, *Little Rock Creek, *McKinney Cove, *Mount Carmel, Spruce Pine, First, and *Western Carolina. A total of 12 people were present. The Treasurer's Report was given by the clerk, which showed the balance to be $6,910.25.

Reports included:

Building and Grounds – Rev. Don Ford, Chairman presented a written report on the maintenance of the associational building and grounds. It stated the following: "In the past year, some much needed maintenance has been done with limited funding and volunteer labor. The interior of the facility has been painted, a back porch has been added, a drainage line around the building has been completed and signs were installed.

"The new budget year (2001-2002) began with only $500 allocated for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. This will mostly be spent on mowing and does not provide for any building projects/improvements.

"Currently, the associational office is in need of some minor plumbing

repairs – a sink and toilet. In addition, the linoleum is in dire need of being replaced. It was installed when the building was constructed in 1988. Estimates of replacing the linoleum have been submitted and the lowest is $1,600. Finally, the landscape timbers next to the building have shifted due to decay and age. They also need to be replaced and the cost has not yet been determined.

"We need to maintain the facility for the Associational Office staff and those who benefit from it. Without the assistance of local churches and their membership, the work will not get done. Respectfully submitted."

Following this report our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine stated that members of Fork Mountain Baptist Church were planning to take care of the outside retaining wall.

Brotherhood/Disaster Relief — Eddie Williams, our Brotherhood Director reported on recent events and the need for disaster relief teams. He was preparing for another trip to New York City. He will be taking several other people from this area. He also told of plans to join with the Yancey Association's Brotherhood for a prayer breakfast sometime in January, with a guest speaker being someone working with NASCAR.

There will be another Disaster Relief Training session in McDowell County in May. Our Director of Missions stated that he would like to see a training session here in Mitchell County.

WMU — in the absence of our WMU leader, the clerk reported on the Christmas project that the ladies are working on this year. They are collecting items for the Kentucky Coal Mine Mission to be distributed for Christmas.

There was no old business.

In new business the Director of Missions requested that he be able to purchase a cell phone. Since he is in two associations, this would benefit everyone involved. He had priced a phone for $80 with a $30 monthly fee. He asked that Mitchell pay half and he would ask Avery for half. After some discussion, a motion was made for this request and it was seconded and approved.

A second item of new business came from Rev. Randy Bonner, Chairman of the Missions Committee. He gave a report that stated the following: "In our last annual session, Mitchell Baptist Association approved the following item, *Light up the Nations Project.* This project asks each association in each state to start new churches. Therefore, under the approval and leadership of our association, we recommend to the executive committee that a church be started in the Tipton Hill/Red Hill vicinity. Respectfully submitted."

It was also stated that 65 to 70 percent of the people in this area are unchurched with no Southern Baptist church in the area. A motion was made for this church start and it was seconded and approved. The Missions Committee will work through the association to begin this endeavor.

In closing, our Moderator gave information on a ministry to India that he is involved with. He asked for the prayers of the association. He is hoping to

make another trip back soon. He asked that our association consider adopting the Karla Southern Baptist Association in India.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed with prayer.

February 21, 2002

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 21, 2002, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator, called the meeting to order. He opened with scripture taken from Ephesians 4. Rev. Max Holland led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Freedom, *Friendship, *Grassy Creek, *Mount Carmel, *Pine Branch, Spruce Pine, First, and *Western Carolina. Eleven people were present.

The November minutes were read by the clerk and approved by the members. The clerk also presented the financial report which showed a balance in the treasury of $7,011.12.

The clerk reported on the success of the WMU Christmas project which collected items for the Kentucky Coal Mine Mission. A photo album had been left in the associational office showing pictures of the recipients of this effort.

There was no new business. Old business included the following information to go along with our "Light up the Nation Campaign," which had been discussed at our May, 2001 meeting. Our Director of Missions gave a report on the number of unchurched people in the southern end of our county and the need for a new church in the area. Following this report, Rev. David Troutman made a motion that a new church be started and that our Director of Missions be the one to lead this church through the organizational period. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Our Moderator asked for prayer to revitalize our existing churches. Rev. Randy Bonner asked about the needs at the Bakersville apartments and the need for a ministry there. Rev. Bob McKinney stated that his church had been working there.

Following no other business our Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

May 14, 2002

Members of the Executive Committee met at Berry Chapel Baptist Church on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator, called the meeting to order. He opened with scripture taken from Isaiah 40:39. Avery Buchanan led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor:*Bear Creek, *Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Fork Mountain, *Freedom, *Friendship, Liberty Hill, Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, *McKinney Cove, *Mount Carmel, Pine Branch, *Roan Mountain and *Snow Hill. Twenty

people were present.

Eddie Williams, Brotherhood Director/Disaster Relief Coordinator, gave a report on the many things that have been going on in the Baptist Men's Department. These are some of the items he reported.

→Associational Leadership Training at Caraway in August; RA Leadership in October.

→Two kitchen units still on site in New York City. Will close in June. A Memorial Service for the volunteers will be held at Ground Zero when the last of the debris is removed, probably around the end of June.

→Will be taking items we have collected in the association to Virginia flood victims.

→Helping to build on a room for a local couple.

→A training session for volunteers will be held May 18, in Marion. Another session has been scheduled on June 29 in Charlotte.

→Made a trip to Armenia with Robert Stroup and Dale Duncan. Found five places to build churches.

→Need pastors trained as chaplains. More information on this later.

→In Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia 68,200 meals have been prepared during the flooding in these states.

→In New York approximately 1,187,000 meals have been served by our Baptist Men. This doesn't include the meals served at the Pentagon.

→Working to get a Disaster Relief Training session closer.

Rev. Don Ford, our Building and Grounds Committee Chairman presented a written report. It included the following: "In the past two months, a retaining wall has been constructed beside the Mitchell Baptist Associational Office. All of the work has been done with volunteer labor. The total cost of the wall would exceed $2000 when including the value of both materials and labor. A section of the wall still needs to be backfilled with dirt and a ground-cover needs to be planted to prevent erosion.

" The new budget year (2001-2002) began with only $500 allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. A large portion of this was spent on the replacement of the old retaining wall built with railroad ties which had rotted and decayed. This also does not include over $1200 contributed by Fork Mountain Baptist Church and McKinney Cove Baptist Church to cover the majority of the materials.

"I greatly appreciate the people who volunteered many hours of labor and the churches which contributed money for this project. Without your help and God's inspiration, it would not have occurred.

"It is the responsibility of **all** the churches in Mitchell Association to maintain the associational office. It is my prayer that God will burden others to become actively involved in this effort."

A motion was made to accept these two reports. The motion was seconded and approved.

Old business included the following: our Moderator, Rev. Harold Grindstaff, had shared with us before about his work with the "World for Christ Ministries" in India. After showing some pictures and telling about some of the work there, he requested that our association adopt the Karla Association in India. This would put this ministry under the umbrella of the association, with a Board of Advisors. Rev. Grindstaff would be responsible for all of the work dealing with this ministry. He would like to visit in churches and present this ministry. A recommendation was made to accept this request. It was seconded and approved.

In new business: "A Day of Prayer" in our county has been requested to be associational-wide. A tentative date was set for Saturday, June 1st. A motion was made to accept this request and it was seconded and approved. A committee was approved to look into the details of such an event. Those volunteering to help were Rev. Chris Rathbone and Rev. Daniel Honeycutt, along with our Director of Missions. They will meet on Monday, May 20. More details will be sent to the pastors.

Our Director of Missions commented on the following items:

→A Youth Crusade has been planned for July 13, with Rev. Mark Creech from the Christian Action League as possible speaker.

→Concern about the new organized church "The Rock" which has been meeting at Pinebridge Inn and is moving to the Sky City building. He shared his concerns with the way the organization was pulling members out of other churches.

Rev. Chris Rathbone of Bear Creek Baptist Church stated that his church would be having a Fellowship Dinner on June 2nd to honor the local firemen, police officers, sheriff's department, and EMS members.

Following no other business, Rev. Gerold Grindstaff led in the closing prayer. Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on August 26 and 27.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

Baptist Children's Homes

Jason and Lacey know real hope after facing hopeless times. Jason and Lacey lived with their mother in Hilo, Hawaii. It sounds wonderful, but for the brother and sister it was far from paradise. Their mother's lifestyle constantly placed the two children in danger. Jason was given the blamed by his mother for many of the things that had gone wrong in her life.

"She didn't care about anything," Jason recalls now. "I was just there. She didn't care for me." Jason drew violent pictures. He had difficulty relating to people and was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder. Soon his secrets were exposed. He had suffered severe physical and emotional abuse by his

mother. Drugs had been a pervasive part of his life. He had begun using drugs when he was six years old.

Once Jason's grandparents discovered the truth about Jason's life, they sought immediate help for their grandson and found the help they desperately needed from Baptist Children's Homes. In August 1996, he began his new life at Broyhill Home in Clyde.

Lacey still lived with her mother. The two moved to Arizona. Lacey spent her days in the cab of her mother's boyfriend's semi-truck. She was not attending school. After Jason left, Lacey became the focus of her mother's abuse.

Again the siblings' grandparents intervened. The couple began to think about bringing Lacey to live at Broyhill Home. In 1997, 14 months after Jason, she was safe. Lacey and Jason's grandparents credit Baptist Children's Homes for giving their grandchildren real hope.

Lacey says she plans to be a lawyer. She likes fighting for the underdog. Jason has plans for a career in broadcast journalism. Since coming to Broyhill Home, both children have accepted Christ as their Savior.

"Things began to turn around for me when I became a Christian. I began to read my Bible," Jason says. "I learned a lot of the answers to my questions. I felt like I could be more open."

"Jason might be in an institution, in prison, or dead. We try not to even think of what Lacey's life would be like today," the grandparents say. "They've been saved!"

Jason and Lacey are two of the 1,855 children cared for by BCH last year.

Baptist Children's Homes grieves with Nation after September 11th attack -- BCH president calls for acts of kindness. In the wake of the tragic events of September 11, BCH president Dr. Michael C. Blackwell stepped to the forefront to calm and encourage children and families. As the nation reeled from the attack, Blackwell immediately offered words of comfort to families through the news media from Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama and across North Carolina. He urged Americans to "show kindness" to one another and exhibit "acts of goodness" toward their communities in response to the violence exhibited against our country. BCH children and staff united to provide needed items for those serving at Ground Zero and gave blood for victims. Despite the physical and emotional effects of September 11, BCH's mission has remained unwavering. "America's spirit has not been lost, and our spirit of helping and healing is stronger than ever," said Blackwell.

BCH faces financial shortfalls due to 9/11, North Carolina Baptists rise to meet financial challenges. As charities across America began to feel the financial effects of 9/11, Baptist Children's Homes also faced shortfalls. Experiencing nearly a 60 percent drop in annual fund giving, President

Michael C. Blackwell made an urgent plea to friends and supporters. After an intense effort including personal letters and phone calls, North Carolina Baptists responded, rallying to close the gap by year-end. "I knew North Carolina Baptists would not forget their children," said Blackwell. North Carolina Baptists also stepped forward by meeting the 2001 Thanksgiving Offering Goal. Today, the effects of 9/11 are still being felt. "It is important for North Carolina Baptists to not grow weary in their efforts to help our boys and girls," said Blackwell. "Our churches are our lifeline. It is because of them we are able to touch the lives of so many."

New BCH strategic plan unveiled. *Quest: A Journey of Excellence* is the title of the new strategic plan that will guide Baptist Children's Homes through 2004. The major goals of the new plan include recruiting and retaining competent qualified staff; training staff; and maintaining and enhancing BCH facilities.

BCH Trustees approve allocation for Information Technology. Trustees made way for sweeping technological improvements throughout BCH. A new Information Technology Center was created and work began to connect all ministry sites digitally. "Every step we take is designed to enable us to better serve children and families...today and in the future," said Dr. Michael C. Blackwell.

Gastonia couple honored at Nolen Building dedication. William "Red" and Mabel Nolen were recognized for their contribution at the dedication of the newly renovated and renamed Nolen Administration building at Mills Home on January 22, 2002. A gift from the Gastonia couple, who have long-time ties to BCH, made the necessary renovations possible.

BCH's Developmental Disabilities Ministry dedicates two new group homes. More than 200 Baptist leaders, Baptist Children's Homes administrators, staff, and guests were in attendance for the historic dedication of BCH's first, new group homes for developmentally disabled adults on March 26, 2002. The two homes, Davis House and Hinkle House, joined Baptist House at Bethabara located in Winston-Salem. Plans to break ground on the next DDM group home to be located in Sanford are scheduled for 2003. Baptist State Convention President Dr. Jerry Pereira, who spoke at the dedication, predicted "the Lord is going to do great and mighty things" through this ministry.

***A Place for Miracles* published.** In March, 2002, BCH president Michael C. Blackwell introduced his second book. More than three years in the making, *A Place for Miracles* is a mixture of history, autobiography, inspiration, and

vision. The book received the 2002 Baptist Communicators Association Design Award for Best Book Design.

***New Millennium Families: A Study Guide* introduced to North Carolina Baptists.** In September 2001, the study guide to BCH president Michael C. Blackwell's book *New Millennium Families* was introduced at the first of two statewide Deacon-Spouse Training Events in Bryson City. A total of more than 200 deacons and their spouses attended the two conferences. Blackwell and study guide creator Gaylin Huff led group sessions regarding the changing make-up of families as discussed in the book and its effects on the church of North Carolina. *A Study Guide,* to be used with *New Millennium Families,* helps teachers prepare for and guide groups of adults using four different formats: 7 Week Study, Youth Parent Study, Single Parent Study and Family Ministry Study.

Baptists called to join "Chain of Prayer" for North Carolina's children and families. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell has asked for all North Carolina Baptists to participate in the "Chain of Prayer." Begun in February 2002 at the annual Baptist Men's conference in Charlotte, this physical chain is made up of thin strips of paper containing the handwritten prayers of NC Baptist men, women and children. Throughout the year, these strips are being gathered by BCH representatives and formed together into a chain that will be displayed at this year's Baptist State Convention in November. With children and families facing many different sources of crisis in today's world, Dr. Blackwell believes this statewide unification of prayers for children and families in our state will yield great results.

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables us to fulfill our mission statement -- "helping hurting children...healing broken families" -- through 14 locations throughout the state. Thank you North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Blackwell, President
Sybil Stewart, Board of Trustees Chair

Baptist Retirement Homes

The generous support received from North Carolina Baptists has enabled Baptist Retirement Homes to lead the state in providing benevolent care for Older Adults who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the quality care they deserve. At all Homes communities, residents rest in the knowledge that

they will be cared for as long as they live.

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to be on the cutting edge of meeting the needs of Older Adults...particularly those dealing with dementia-related conditions, such as Alzheimer's Disease.

In recent years, the Homes has established specially designed residences to meet the special needs of these dear ones. The Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville has been operational since 2000; the Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence opened at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem in 2001; later this year, a third residence will open at the Homes' newest community, The Gardens of Taylor Glen, in Concord.

We have a statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons — a free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes – The Baptist Elder Care Network at 1-800-887-7410.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for helping us make life for the Older Adults of this state..."the Best of Times!"

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment, Assistant to the President

Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2001, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 33 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $4.8 million and received $9.4 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptists causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 162 churches and associations during the year to promote "Make your Will Month", Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $2.3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarship, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. With a total of $16.5 million in contributions, it was the best year ever eclipsing the previous high of $10.1 million recorded in 2000.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2001, the Foundation held $106.8 million under management. This is an increase of more than $9.4 million over 2000.

During 2001, our distributions totaled $6.7 million, with charity receiving $4.4 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 82-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $20.8 million has been distributed to individuals and $36.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $57.6 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

Christian Higher Education

"Shaping Lives for...a Life" is the mission of North Carolina Baptist Colleges and universities. Students come to the campuses of Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate expecting to receive an education. What they may not expect is an experience that will shape the rest of their lives.

Like the artist who carefully and methodically sculpts wet clay, giving it form and function the faculty and staff of North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities shape the lives of students through their dedicated teaching and mentoring.

The graduates of these campuses emerge as people who become our future ministers, doctors, lawyers, artists, teachers, businesspeople, and church and community leaders.

It has been shown that graduates of church related institutions invest themselves in their churches and communities in greater numbers than graduates of public institutions of higher education. As a result of the support of North Carolina Baptists, the future looks bright for our churches and communities.

Gifts to the Cooperative Missions budget of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina last year made it possible for 612 members from 445 convention related churches to receive special scholarship assistance to attend our five affiliated institutions of Christian higher education. Seventy-four out of eighty associations were represented in this group.

Some of the recipients would not have been able to pursue their dream of a degree from an accredited college or university without the financial assistance

provided by generous North Carolina Baptists. One of those recipients lost his father unexpectedly during his freshman year in college. Scholarship assistance from North Carolina Baptists made it possible for him to continue with his studies. He graduated this year.

Another scholarship recipient is the mother of six children. In spite of the pressures to be a good mother, she pursued her studies while holding down a full-time job. She, too, graduated this year with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is employed by a North Carolina Baptist institution.

These are a few of those who are benefitting from your generous support of our Baptist State Convention. In the coming years, we will benefit from their contributions to our life as North Carolina Baptists.

Campbell University — Chowan College — Mars Hill College — Gardner-Webb University — Wingate University

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Moore, President
Wayne D. Wilke, Executive Director

Biblical Recorder

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Respectfully submitted,
Ray N. Howell, Chair, Board of Directors
Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President

Baptist Hospital

The Baptist Hospital mission began in 1921 when our North Carolina Baptist founders stated, "We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." Gold crosses that adorn the exterior of the hospital symbolize our historic and daily commitment to bring medical excellence and Christian compassion to those we are privileged to serve. This report will highlight our partnership with North Carolina Baptists in continuing the mission of healing.

School of Pastoral Care: Our mission at the School of Pastoral Care is *"to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ."* This defines the spiritual essence of who we are and the meaning of what we do in caring for hurting people. We are very thankful to North Carolina Baptists for their gifts to the school through the Cooperative Missions Program. You are making a tremendous difference as our partner in life-changing ministries.

CareNet, Inc., our Department of Pastoral Counseling, is the largest faith-based counseling system in the nation. We continue to expand our services across North Carolina. The scope of this ministry is astounding: 27,000 hours of counseling per year at 21 locations. These include four regional centers

(Winston-Salem, Greenville, Fayetteville, and Wilmington) and 17 strategically located satellites. The individual stories of emotional and spiritual healing, of broken families being restored, and even more telling.

The Center for Congregational Health celebrates its 10th Anniversary in 2002. Dr. David Odom has been the Center's visionary leader from its beginning. The initial mission continues to guide this ministry of 25 churches per month, and training to over 600 church leaders per year. The financial support of NC Baptists allows Baptist churches to receive initial consultation at no cost, and provides subsidies for churches and ministers needing financial assistance. Please call the Center for more information (336-716-0459).

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided ministry through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts in the past year. Every day chaplains can be found comforting bereaved families, praying for seriously ill patients, reading Scriptures to those who are afraid, offering comfort and extending hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Fifty-three students received supervision and training in 2001.

The Department of Church and Community Relations continues to serve its mission as a liaison between the Hospital and North Carolina Baptist churches. We welcome you to call Rev. Paul Mullen if you need assistance (336-716-3027). Many pastors call on behalf of church members who need a referral to the Medical Center or have concerns about medical bills because of financial need. Speakers can be requested to provide an overview of the Hospital and its ministries to church groups.

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund: It is a difficult burden to be physically sick and worried about how to pay for needed medical care. North Carolina Baptists extend the compassionate reach of missions to patients in financial need at Baptist Hospital through their gifts to the Mother's Day Offering. Those you have helped are deeply thankful for this gracious witness to the love of Jesus Christ, and they are drawn closer to Him. All of the funds are used for this purpose. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for giving $568,808 to this ministry in 2001!

Additional Highlights at North Carolina Baptist Hospital: Number 1 in patient satisfaction – Baptist Hospital was ranked #1 in the nation in patient satisfaction, according to Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores for the spring quarter of 2002. Press Ganey, the health care industry's top satisfaction measurement firm, ranked Baptist Hospital first among its peers.

New Brenner Children's Hospital Opens: The 11-story addition to the Hospital opened in April 2002. Six of the floors provide private rooms for all pediatric patients, state-of-the-art technology, family resource centers, and prayer room, and an enclosed playground on the roof. The tower also includes additional operating rooms and a spacious surgical family waiting room.

New Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Older Adults: Wake Forest University Baptist Behavioral Health, a subsidiary of Baptist Hospital and

WFU Health Sciences, has opened the first residential program in the region devoted exclusively to treating chemical dependency problems among adults 55 and older. The comprehensive treatment program focuses on treating the whole person, encompassing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best: The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., ranks among "America's Best Hospitals" according to the July 2002 issue of *U.S. News and World Report.*

WFUBMC – What's in a Name? The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc is one of two component institutions of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The partnership also includes Wake Forest University Health Sciences (WFUHS), consisting of WFU physicians, the School of Medicine, and other entities. Baptist Hospital and WFUHS are separate but interdependent institutions, each with its own Board of Trustees. The combined institutions, WFUBMC, are overseen by a joint Board of Trustees which facilitates the effective and collaborative pursuit of its mission: excellent patient care, medical education and research, and community service

Information and Appointments: For more information on health related issues or to make an appointment with a physician, contact Health-On-Call at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

Closing Words from the President: We at Baptist Hospital are very thankful to be partners in the mission of healing with North Carolina Baptists. Our roots are in this partnership, beginning as a mission enterprise of the Baptist State Convention in 1921. This report also highlights the ongoing nature of the relationship with the School pf Pastoral Care. We have a sacred privilege and responsibility to serve Jesus Christ by serving people in need at Baptist Hospital. We thank you for being our partner in these "ministries of growth, hope, and healing." We ask that you pray for our patients, their families, and our staff as we seek to serve our Lord each day at the Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

Annuity Board

The Annuity Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina continues to enjoy a close working relationship with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in providing services related to retirement planning, financial support of ministers and other church employees, life and health insurance, church/clergy tax issues, and ministry to retirees and seminary/divinity students.

Despite national and international market volatility, national grief, and a wartime political climate during this past year new opportunities and services were launched in an ongoing effort to fulfill the guiding principle of *Serving*

Those Who Serve the Lord. To be specific, all the investment funds were successfully restructured to a registered mutual fund environment, called AB Funds Trust. As a result, new retail investment products, under the theme "New Investment Opportunities...*Absolutely!*," were introduced. For the first time ministers, church employees, and annuitants may now open IRA and Personal Investment Accounts. With the passage of the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act (EGTRRA) retirement options have been enhanced dramatically including the ability to roll over other retirement funds from a secular employer.

Furthermore, new medical and disability insurance products were rolled out with the commitment to provide several options to meet increasingly different needs of our populace. Endorsed carriers, such as long-term care and property/casualty, continued to attract interest from our churches and church employees.

The Endowment and Relief Ministry was restructured to provide enhanced financial assistance to the needy, retired ministers and their widows. Funds available to assist these persons increased as well as the number of people who applied for this assistance.

The 2002 SBC Compensation Study with 35 state conventions participating has been conducted and the results are now accessible on the internet. For the first time, church leaders are now able to do a customized study on the web. We are very excited about this useful tool as one valuable resource in assisting churches leaders as they study to determine what is a fair and equitable compensation for those who serve the Lord in our churches.

As of June 30, 2002, 61% (2,314) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan. A record number of 2,851 were receiving benefits and 388 being assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant ministry.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102, extension 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org or call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross
Senior Consultant

Bible Drills

Proverbs 22:6 -- *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

I am thankful I live in a county where the Baptist Association promotes the Children and Youth Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament. I am very proud

and honored to be a part of the Mitchell Baptist Association. We have more children and youth involved at the state level than any other association. Yes – I am very proud of our churches and leaders commitments to these programs. Our children and youth in Mitchell County are wonderful children and very busy learning the Word of God. I praise God for these children, parents, and leaders who have done a fantastic job.

The Mitchell Association Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament were held at Bear Creek Baptist Church on Saturday, April 6, 2002. There were fourteen churches involved with 59 children and youth, and three speakers. This was up from last year so let's keep up the good work. Churches and participants were:

Altapass: Willoughby McKinney, Christopher Henline, Ashley McPeters, Nicolas McPeters
Bear Creek: Mallory Pitman
Berry Chapel: Randy Ramsey, Courtney Greene, Leigh Maynor, Kellee Maynor
Crabtree Chapel: Jordan Jones, Whitney Buchanan, Cass McKinney
Freedom: Ashley Thomas
Liberty Hill: Kyle Ponder, Samantha Jones
Mine Creek: Brinkley Phillips
Mount Carmel: Abby Slagle, Courtney Crowder
Pine Branch: Whitney Jones, India Ellis, Cayela Miller, Hannah Acuff, Jillian Acuff, Zachery Acuff
Roan Mountain: Kolby Silver, Ethan Harris
Silver Chapel: Thomas Buchanan, Bruce Buchanan
Spruce Pine, First: Chloe Ayers, Molly Stroup, Victoria Stroup, Windy Grindstaff, David Vess

Three year participants were Whitney Buchanan and Ashley Thomas.

The following youth participated in the Associational Youth Bible Drills...

Altapass: Jasmine McKinney, Roxanne Hughes, Amber Henline
Bear Creek: Keisha Duncan, Stefani Franklin
Berry Chapel: Bryant Greene, Emily Carpenter, Ashley Willis, Adam Burleson, Steffan Hollifield
Chestnut Grove: Kyle Lyons, Cassandra Robinson
Crabtree Chapel: Amy Buchanan, Charity Biggs
Ledger: John Stewart, Amy Stewart, Aaron Buchanan
Liberty Hill: Kayla Ponder, Jessie Huskins, Candace Martin, Colby Boston
Mine Creek: Cara McKinney
Silver Chapel: Melissa Buchanan, Ben McKinney
Spruce Pine, First: Kathryn Canipe, Lauren Wilson

Three year youth participants were Amy Buchanan and John Stewart. Six year participants were Bryant Greene, Kyle Lyons and Aaron Buchanan.

We had three participants in the Speakers' Tournament. This is open to youth in grades 10-12 and only one can advance from the association. Our participants were Janelle McKinney from Altapass, Ashley Winters from Berry Chapel, and Stephen Stewart from Ledger. They all did an excellent job and it was a privilege to hear each of them. Ashley Winters from Berry Chapel represented our association at the Regional Tournament in Spindale. The title of her speech was "The Dangers of Spiritual Complacency."

Congratulations to our children and young people on a job well done. During the time when our judges went out to fix certificates, the Wee-Drillers from Berry Chapel did a drill performance for the congregation. These were children ages 4 to 7. They were precious and did a great job. Children are never too young to learn God's Word.

After the drills the children and youth, parents and leaders, were served pizza, drinks, cookies and ice cream. Thanks to the Association, Bear Creek and four area businesses for their support of children and youth Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament. The businesses were McDonalds which gave each participant a certificate for free french fries; Pinebridge who gave each participant a buy one-get-one-free Putt-Putt pass; J.J. Gouge for supplying the soft drinks, and Don and Doris Waldroup for supplying the pizza. This was a real treat for our children and young people. My prayer is that God will bless each business and their owners for their generosity. This was a great day, thanks to all leaders and participants and all the hard work they had done.

Teaching God's Word is such an awesome responsibility; however God says if we keep His commandments and teach our children He will bless us. God cannot lie because His Word says so and also I have experienced His blessings a hundred-fold. Whenever you love His Word and teach it -- there is no greater blessing. The rewards are also great.

If your church doesn't have these programs, I encourage you to start them. I will help in an y way I can. Just call me at 688-2407. If your church is small and you don't have many children -- just think one child is worth starting the program. My goal for next year is to involve more churches and reach more children and youth. The way to a rich and full life is knowing what God's Words says.

We will have an Associational Bible Drill Workshop on Monday, October 7, at 7:00 P.M., in the fellowship hall of Bear Creek Baptist Church. I urge all leaders, judges and timekeepers to be present. Bring someone from a church that is not involved. I think they can benefit from this workshop. We will have a time for questions and discussion. See you all on October 7. Be prepared for a time of learning, fun and fellowship.

I still haven't heard from anyone about their church's Bible Drill history. I would still love to hear from more of you. If you would collect this information and mail it to me at 342 Hamburg Road, Bakersville, NC 28705. I would love to hear from you.

Deuteronomy 11:19 *"And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."* God commands us to teach our children His Word. What better way than to do it through Bible Drill.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson, Associational Director

Baptist Men

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, the men and women of our association have responded with a tremendous love to those hurting and in need. Together we have served at the Pentagon, New York City, Eastern North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Honduras, Alaska, Armenia, Israel, and have continually served those in need in our local community. God has richly blessed us with financial support, transportation and material for rebuilding. The list of those in need continues to grow and your support and prayers are requested to help meet those needs of a world that is seeking answers and is hurting.

In the past year our eyes have seen total destruction; desolation; homelessness and poverty that matches none. Yet with all of this , God's glory has shown brilliantly and lost souls have been saved. God has been and will be in total control to the far corners of our world and to Him be the glory!

Since March 2002, over 50 men and women of our association have gone through our Disaster Relief Training. Thanks to those who have increased our pool of volunteers and are ready to serve at a moment's notice.

Recently, the North Carolina Baptist Men leased the Grifton warehouse and will assume ownership of this needed facility at a later date.

We are still trying to meet the needs of those in the Kentucky coal mine district with food, clothing and household furnishings. Also our churches and especially our WMUs have responded overwhelmingly with support on a moment's notice to help two families that had absolutely nothing. Our men have started a one room addition for a local family and also are involved in remodeling a house completely. In addition -- two porches, two handicapped ramps and one roof and two floors have been repaired for the elderly locally.

Almost daily request come for help of some type or on behalf of someone else. I encourage the men to become involved in these projects or to start a handyman ministry of their own. Together we can build and grow spiritually through the strength of God's eyes and hands.

In May of 2003, our North Carolina Baptist Men's dental bus will be in Mitchell county to serve those in need. Help is needed financially and volunteers are needed to help with this terrific ministry. If interested, please contact me or our associational office.

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to the individual and church that supported the Baptist Men in buying property and a building in Armenia. Your efforts raised $12,000 to purchase a building and land that will be used to worship in a village of 100,000 with no churches located there now. God's Word can be preached and taught in a country that has been suppressed for decades. Together you have invested in God's Kingdom and your rewards will be in heaven. Thank you for making yourself available to Him.

A summary of DC/NY 9-11 response is as follows:

Total Days	319
Total Meals	1,286,513
DC Operation	68,306
NY Operation	1,218,207
Total Volunteer Days	20,852
NY Operation	20,034
Apartments cleaned	643
Children served	850
Teddy bears distributed	21,011
Showers provided	11,552
Laundry loads	782
Number of conventions responding	32

Thank you Mitchell County Baptist who have shown Christian love in action by meeting the urgent needs of hurting humanity in a crisis situation. Thank you for your response to meeting these needs with love and a timely response as James 2:15-16 instructs. May God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddie Williams
Baptist Men's Director/Disaster Relief Coordinator

WMU

Our WMU focus this year has been to help equip Christian believers to follow God into missions, awareness, action and advocacy.

The WMU Watchword is II Timothy 1:8-9: *"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."*

The Annual Associational WMU Celebration was held at McKinney Cove Baptist Church on Monday, April 8, 7:00 P.M. There were 71 people present including three pastors. We are always glad to have our pastors attend. Martha Williams and Penny Willis Tyson were our guest speakers. Martha

spoke about her work in Disaster Relief, ministering to lost and hurting people in New York, West Virginia, Eastern North Carolina and other places. Martha works along side her husband Eddie (Associational Baptist Men's Director). They have a heart for missions and have touched many lives in Christ's name. They are a tremendous blessing to our association.

Penny spoke of her mission work in Ukraine, where she has worked and ministered to orphans. Penny is originally from Bakersville, but lived in Texas for years, recently returning to this area to care for her mother. Her testimony touched our hearts.

Velma Sturgill provided the special music singing "My House is Full, but my Fields are Empty," and "Prayer Warrior."

Our offering was $538.20 and went to help Martha with her mission trips.

Amy Ellis gave a report on the projects the G.A.s have been involved with this year. Some of our G.A.s were present and signed a song. Amy does a wonderful job as our Associational G.A. Director.

Our number one associational project this year was to be "Prayer Warriors," standing in the gap for our pastors and missionaries.

Also we collected an abundance of food and household items for Kentucky Coal Mine Mission. The response from our churches for this project was overwhelming! We had so much come into the associational office there was barely room to walk. Judy was glad when we got it all loaded and gone. We praise the Lord for the people in our association who are so willing to give and help needy people.

Besides all the food, furniture and household items there was a great number of shoe boxes filled with goodies for the children and coffee mugs filled with goodies for the adults. Bear Creek WMU gave $2,000 to buy hams to help fill food boxes for families for Christmas. We continue to collect food, clothing and furniture, praying the Lord will provide a place in our area to store it for when a need arises.

Collecting Campbell's soup labels to help obtain a van for a Hispanic Mission in Goldsboro, NC is an ongoing project for WMU.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Bear Creek Baptist Church the first Monday night of November. Our prayer focus was the countries of Africa, Europe, South West Pacific, North America and Latin America. Our offering went to Baptist World Alliance Women's Department. Our speaker for World Day of Prayer was Donna Lewis of Kentucky Coal Mine Mission. We have approximately 250 WMU members in Mitchell Association and these ladies are the best. They are always willing to support any mission projects and do a great job promoting missions and mission offerings in the churches of our association.

My prayer is that God will bless each WMU group in our association and that we will grow in service to Him as we promote the Great Commission in our churches and minister to the hurting and suffering people around us.

It's "Beyond Belief" what we can accomplish for God's Kingdom as we cooperate together.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers, WMU Director

Summer Youth Program

This summer God has truly blessed the youth of our county. He has met with them in "After Church In The Park," at the Youth Rally, and during "Back Yard Bible Clubs." The most important events this summer are those in which youth experienced God first hand. In many of these encounters some youth were saved and others rededicated their lives.

During each Sunday night this summer, youth have met at "After Church In The Park." On each night different people used their talents for the glory of God. Rev. Albert Woods used his talent as a chalk artist to bring a message from God to life. Crosswalk Praise Band led in a time of worship on one Sunday night. Denisha Kirk and Crissy Park used their voices to uplift Christ in both song and testimony on two nights this summer. God also allowed me to share my testimony with the youth in attendance on one night. Church groups from Mesadona Baptist Church in Sarasota, Florida and South End Baptist Church from Fredrick, Maryland also provided programs two nights this summer. God has impacted the lives of those who came to "After Church In The Park" in many ways. This summer the average attendance was 53 per night. Of those who came two accepted Christ as Savior, ten rededicated, and ten committed to share Christ with at least one person during the school year. Praise God!

The Youth Rally was also a major event this summer. The rally was held on July 13th at Pinebridge Center. Wendy Ellis provided special music and also led in worship. Coach Kevin Barnett of Mars Hill College shared his testimony. Rev. Mark Creech from the Christian Action League spoke on the topic of "How students can legally share their faith in the public school system." Cody Deese a 21-year old evangelist gave a great message straight from God. The night was a huge success. Two souls were saved that night. God was there!

This summer I have been given the opportunity to work with mission groups visiting this area. I worked with a group from Bellevue Baptist Church from Nashville, Tennessee. We did Back Yard Bible Clubs at Wagon Master and Ridgewood Trailer Parks. I also worked with a group from South End Baptist Church from Frederick, Maryland. We did a Back Yard Bible Club at Walnut Avenue Apartments, a Bible Study at Sunshine Hill Apartments, and Prayer Booth at the Mineral and Gem Festival. One little girl gave her life to Jesus during one of the Back Yard Bible Clubs. Glory to God!

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the associational youth

program this summer. God has worked in the lives of our youth. This summer there was a total of twenty-five decisions made. I praise God for the opportunity to serve Him and the youth of our area this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Felicia Fox
Associational Summer Student Missionary

Building and Grounds Committee

Over the past year, a retaining wall has been constructed beside the Mitchell Baptist Associational Office. All of the work was done with volunteer labor. The total cost of the wall would have been in excess of $2,000 when including the value of both materials and labor.

The budget year (2001-2002) began with only $500 allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. A large portion of this was spent on the replacement of the old retaining wall built with railroad ties which had rotted and decayed. This also does not include over $1200 contributed by Fork Mountain Baptist Church and McKinney Cove Baptist Church to cover the majority of the materials.

I greatly appreciate the people who volunteered many hours of labor and the churches which contributed money for this project. Without their help and God's inspiration it would not have occurred.

After the wall was built, Eddie Williams, our Baptist Men's Director, brought a youth group from Pinebridge (on a mission trip from Florida) to do some landscaping, such as fill in dirt, and plant grass seed and trim grass and weeds.

The linoleum floor at the associational office is 14 years old and is in dire need of replacement. Even though additional funds have been placed in the upcoming budget, they will not completely cover the estimated cost of $1800 to install the new flooring. It is the responsibility of **all** churches in Mitchell Association to maintain the associational office. It is my prayer that God will burden others to become actively involved in this effort with their time, talents and money.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ford, Building and Grounds Chairman

Director of Missions

Jesus said, *"How can two walk together except they be agreed."* This verse

takes on a whole new meaning as I think of the ministries of Mitchell Baptist Association. Cooperation is what associational ministry is all about. This past year has proven just that. An association is only as strong as its member churches and what the members of those churches choose to make it.

We have seen a lot of ministry efforts in our association this past year. Our Associational Bible Drills were a great success as usual. We had 59 children and youth who participated at the associational level this year.

Our WMU and Baptist Men have been very active this year. Under the able leadership of Marlene Ayers (WMU) and Eddie Williams (Baptist Men) we have seen many projects completed.

Our summer ministry has been one of the busiest and most successful that I can remember for a long time. We were fortunate to have Felicia Fox, a member of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, to serve as our summer student missionary. Your association sponsored "After Church in the Park" each Sunday night during the summer. A different program was presented each night and an invitation given at the end of each service. This resulted in two professions of faith, ten rededications and ten people committing to share Christ during this next school year.

We also had a wonderful spirit-filled Evangelistic Crusade with Brother Stan Frye, from Hickory, NC. In this crusade two precious souls accepted Christ as their Savior. The same can also be said about our Youth Crusade at Pinebridge. Even though we were few in number, the Lord was there and two people were saved.

This summer your association sponsored three Back-yard Bible Clubs, a Bible study at Sunshine Hill Apartments and a "Prayer Booth" at the Mineral and Gem Festival. One little girl was saved in one of the Bible clubs.

This past year I have worked with six churches in their search for a pastor. I have supplied the pulpit in many churches, held one revival and one mission presentation. I have attended three Executive Committee meetings, eight associational committee meetings and three Ordination Committee meetings. I have counseled with over 150 individuals

All in all our association is in good shape. We certainly give praise to the Lord for all that He has done to make this past year such a success. Our prayer is that the coming year will be even better.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions

Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 16 million members in approximately 42,334 churches in all 50 states and Canada.

These churches work together through approximately 1,200 associations, 39

state conventions, 2 fellowships, and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone. CP Missions is caring people partnering together to touch the world.

The Southern Baptist worldwide mission enterprise is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 2001, these churches sent over $479 million through the Cooperative Program to their state conventions to support work within the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. As determined by messengers to the annual session of each state convention, a percentage of these Cooperative Program receipts is sent to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to SBC entities. In 2001, an average of 58 percent of total Cooperative Program receipts was used for state convention ministries, and roughly 42 percent was forwarded to the SBC for national and worldwide ministries. Messengers to the 2002 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, approved the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2002-2003 of $176,962,402.

State Missions

The North Carolina Missions Offering is our state counterpart to the offerings for national and international missions. The offering supports missions and ministries being conducted by North Carolina Baptists at home and around the world.

The North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) makes possible many of the mission ministries of the Convention. The offering provides the entire operating budgets of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men. In addition, the offering supports many of the Mission Growth and Evangelism ministries, such as church planting and language churches. Approximately 10 percent of the receipts from churches in each association are returned to that community for local ministries. In 2001, North Carolina Baptists gave $2.4 million to the offering. This year's goal is $2.6 million.

Facts about North Carolina:

- ⇨ Population: 8,200,000
- ⇨ Number of unchurched: 4 million
- ⇨ Number of ethnic groups: 100+
- ⇨ Number of languages spoken by students in public schools: 187
- ⇨ Largest ethnic groups: Hispanic, Korean
- ⇨ Fastest growth of Hispanics in nation: 387%
- ⇨ Mentally handicapped persons: 218,000
- ⇨ Hearing-impaired persons: 300,000

Facts about 2001 Baptist ministries:

⇨ Number of Baptist churches in state convention: 3,962
⇨ Number of baptisms in 2001: 27,790
⇨ Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,191,309
⇨ Churches with special education ministries: 150
⇨ Non-English languages in which NC churches minister: 27
⇨ Non-English language churches started in NC: 34
⇨ Summer missionaries working with Hispanics: 10
⇨ English language churches started 33
⇨ Volunteers still rebuilding homes down east as a result of Hurricane Floyd: 15,000+
⇨ Floyd-damaged homes that have been or are being rebuilt by NC Baptist volunteers: 1,500+
⇨ New volunteers trained in Disaster Relief: 1,800+
⇨ Disaster Relief volunteers responding to 9 disasters in 2001: 16,730+

(Arkansas ice storm, El Salvador earthquake, Boston mudout, India earthquake, West Virginia floods, Pakistan; Washington, DC, Pentagon, New York City terrorist attacks: Grifton Hurricane Floyd)

This is just a portion of the ministries in North Carolina.

After September 11, 2001, we responded because that's what North Carolina Baptist do best. In the midst of disaster, destruction and fear, volunteers from across the state packed their supplies, gathered their teams, and left their families for service in New York City and Washington, DC. Within hours of the terrorists' attacks, North Carolina Baptist volunteers were feeding disaster workers, FBI agents, military personnel, and other officials searching for survivors at the Pentagon. In addition, shower units and laundry teams were sent to New York to serve the rescue workers at "Ground Zero." Apartment cleaning teams also went door to door cleaning up the mounds of debris and dust. Those emergency ministries of disaster relief and recovery were made possible by the North Carolina Missions Offering. Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union receives 100 percent of their budgets from this one offering.

Despite its importance, nearly half of our churches do not participate in the Week of Prayer for North Carolina Missions or the offering.

We are asking our Baptist churches to open their doors to their communities and invite all the people of North Carolina to bow down before God in a special time of Prayer on Wednesday, September 11, 2002. This date marks the first anniversary of the terrorists' attacks on America. Let us allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine in the darkness of our own personal ground zero world.

International Mission Board

I trust this report will bless you as you catch a vision of how God is at work.

We at the International Mission Board have been thrilled to lead Southern Baptists to reach the nations with the gospel of Christ.

We're being driven by a passion for every tribe and people and tongue and nation to have the opportunity to hear, understand and respond to the gospel in their own local cultural context...that God might be exalted among the nations and His name proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

God calls each of us to plant our lives with a passion for His mission. I am confident you will be sensitive to His call and also to pray and support the work of the IMB. The Word of God can be planted in the hearts of people around the world when we invest the resources and plant our lives to complete "The Unfinished Task."

In 2001, Southern Baptists excelled in the challenge to spread the gospel worldwide. Unprecedented numbers of Christians responded to God's call to serve overseas through the International Mission Board and to support missions through sacrificial giving.

In 2001, $181 million of the IMB's overseas expenditures went for missionary support (salary, medical, children's education, travel, freight, housing, cars) and $52 million went for field work (evangelism, Christian leadership, media, health care, human needs and related activities).

Last year alone, IMB workers and their Baptist partners overseas reported a record 451,301 baptisms and 6,525 new churches worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rankin, President

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions. We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

NAMB is committed to providing the resources and opportunities that will mobilize Christians and churches to be on mission as volunteers, where they live, work, and play. The accomplishments seen in 2001 have only begun to tap Southern Baptists' resources for reaching those around us.

- NAMB's missionary count reached 5,184, the third consecutive year that the count exceeded 5,000. Of this number, 3,211 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,943 are long-term Mission Service Corps volunteers with

two or more years of service.

- Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record numbers: An estimated 100,000 adults participated in construction and ministry projects at more than 350 work sites.
- More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 35 state conventions responded to 65 disasters, prepared 1.25 million meals, and repaired 1,000 homes.
- The in-kind contribution of labor by Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers following the terrorist attacks on September 11, is $2.2 million. More than 25,000 Disaster Relief volunteers have been trained to assist in relief efforts.
- World Changers summer mission opportunities saw 19,245 participants involved in 66 NAMB-sponsored projects. More than 13,600 presentations of the gospel were made, and 1,596 professions of faith were recorded.
- More than 80,000 Southern Baptist youth and their adult leaders participated in Student Mission Group projects.
- There were 497 young people appointed to summer missions/sojourner/innovator mission positions this year and 432 were placed in semester mission assignments.
- NAMB assisted churches in producing and providing priced resources that help Christians share their faith. Last year, 2,562,307 units of printed and electronic NAMB resources were purchased.

In 2001, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were commendable. Receipts for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were $48,300,000.

Proposed Budget
2002-2003

	2001-2002	2002-2003
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,100.00	$ 8,300.00
Housing Allowance	4,307.00	4,707.00
Travel Reimbursement	1,500.00	1,900.00
Office Secretary	17,150.00	17,650.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
Sunday School/VBS	150.00	150.00
Memory Work	350.00	350.00
WMU	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	500.00	500.00
Youth (Summer youth worker)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,100.00	2,100.00
Hispanic Ministry	400.00	400.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
DOM's Retirement	4,000.00	4,000.00
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops	700.00	700.00
Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	800.00	800.00
Secretary	1,312.00	1,312.00
Medical Insurance/Secretary	2,487.00	3,900.00
Secretary's Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00

Christmas Bonuses: Director of Missions Secretary	 600.00 500.00	 600.00 500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,400.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,000.00	3,500.00
Postage	1,800.00	1,800.00
Utilities	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fire Insurance	700.00	700.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Supplies for Risograph	1,500.00	0
Building & Grounds Maintenance	500.00	1,000.00
Savings for Office Equipment Replacement	3,600.00	3,600.00
TOTAL	$ 63,269.00	$ 65,682.00

Churches Giving To Associational Missions
Year ending, July 31, 2002

CHURCH	MAY - JULY	AUG - APR	TOTALS
Altapass	$ 1,943.00	$ 4,321.00	$ 6,264.00
Bakersville	100.00	458.75	558.75
Bear Creek	1,000.02	3,000.06	4,000.08
Beaver Creek	566.65	1,478.04	2,044.69
Berry Chapel	1,354.00	4,006.00	5,360.00
Big Crabtree	528.00	1,094.00	1,622.00
Big Rock Creek	50.00	200.00	250.00
Black Mountain	129.15	477.05	606.20
Calvary	210.28	820.28	1 ,030.56
Cane Creek	225.00	600.00	825.00
Central	415.75	1,155.26	1,571.01
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	799.71	1,473.44	2,273.15
Fork Mountain	0	564.02	564.02
Freedom	515.55	1,677.05	2,192.60
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	1,066.68	2,133.36	3,200.04
Ledger	364.28	1,184.60	1,548.88
Liberty Hill	350.00	1,675.00	2,025.00
Lily Branch	1,224.84	3,261.42	4,486.26
Little Rock Creek	768.31	1,940.38	2,708.69
McKinney Cove	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
Mine Creek	0	1,025.80	1,025.80
Mount Carmel	854.74	1,972.46	2,827.20
Mountain View	0	0	0
Pine Branch	1,414.21	2,913.77	4,327.98
Roan Mountain	1,149.20	3,387.23	4,536.43
Silver Chapel	614.90	1,979.81	2,594.71
Snow Hill	443.11	1,162.89	1,606.00
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine, First	150.00	350.00	500.00
Toecane	0	200.00	200.00
Vision Missionary	292.61	810.43	1,103.04
Western Carolina	50.00	275.15	325.15
White Oak	0	0	0
TOTALS	$ 17,404.99	$ 48,072.25	$ 65,477.24

Treasurer's Report
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2002

	May - July	Aug - Apr	Totals
Receipts:			
Churches	$ 17,404.99	$ 48,072.25	$ 65,477.24
Baptist State Convention	249.00	2,231.19	2,480.19
Minute Fund	0	829.50	829.50
Other -Sale of Supplies, Misc.Contrib.	465.35	1,010.41	1,475.57
Total Receipts	$ 18,119.15	$ 52,143.35	$ 70,262.50
Disbursements:			
100 *Personal Ministries Expense*			
Director of Missions			
101 Salary	$ 1,430.01	$ 4,290.03	$ 5,720.04
102 Housing	1,076.76	3,230.28	4,307.04
103 Travel	375.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
104 Social Security	200.01	600.03	800.04
105 Retirement	999.00	2,997.00	3,996.00
Secretary			
106 Salary	3,322.74	9,968.22	13,290.96
107 Retirement	1,080.00	3,240.00	4,320.00
108 Medical	881.31	2,540.43	3,421.74
200 *Mission Support Ministries*			
201 Sunday School/VBS	115.54	675.01	790.55
202 Memory Work	44.47	263.48	307.95
203 WMU	52.99	214.26	267.25
204 Evangelism	218.65	0	218.65

(continued)	May-July	Aug - April	Totals
205 Summer Youth Worker	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
206 Prison Ministry	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
207 Hispanic Ministry	99.99	299.97	399.96
300 *Administrative Support Ministries*			
301 Convention/Conferences/Workshops	500.00	230.00	730.00
302 Building and Grounds	665.48	240.00	905.48
303 Flowers and Memorials	47.93	0	47.93
304 Christmas Bonuses	0	1,100.00	1,100.00
400 *Operating Expenses*			
401 Telephone	325.59	989.88	1,315.47
402 Utilities	203.36	875.77	1,079.13
403 Postage	359.33	1,141.54	1,500.87
404 Building Insurance	0	549.00	549.00
405 Office Supplies and Repairs	948.47	2,017.79	2,966.26
406 Risograph Supplies	121.50	286.44	407.94
500 *Miscellaneous Exp.*			
501 Savings Account for New Copier	900.00	2,700.00	3,600.00
502 Printing of Minutes	0	1,186.79	1,186.79
503 Quarterly Taxes	1,747.92	5,240.04	6,987.96
504 State Taxes	339.78	1,001.78	1,341.56
505 Miscellaneous	259.97	2,338.66	2,598.63
Total Disbursements	$ 17,840.80	$ 50,916.40	$ 68,757.20

			Totals
Cash on Deposit, April 30, 2002			$ 6,723.26
Add: Receipts for May-June-July			18,119.15
Total			$ 24,842.41
Less Disbursements May-June-July			17,840.80
Cash on Deposit, July 31, 2002			$ 7,001.61

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALTAPASS: Mr. Harold Cresawn, Mr. Jack Greene, Mrs. Betty Frizzell, PFC Marcus Huskins
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FRIENDSHIP: Mr. Tommy Hughes
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LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rosa L. Edwards, 184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Sylvia Peterson, 340 George McKinney Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Janice Hensley, 333 Mine Creek Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Rebecca Fortner, 543 Greenwood Rd, Spruce Pine
PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Cynthia Burleson, 2844 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Linda Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
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Zip Codes

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Elizabethton, TN	37643
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Marshall	28753
Mars Hill	28754
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1973	Roan Mountain/Pine Branch	Hugh Borders	M.W. Blanton	Norton Craig/Maurice Gilliam
1974	Liberty Hill/Ledger	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Steele/John Rhymer
1975	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Frank Ellis/R.M. Cassity
1976	Grassy Creek/S.P. First	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Upton/Dallas Renfro
1977	Berry Chapel/Beaver Creek	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hipps/Bob McCurry
1978	Pine Branch/Bakersville	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hollifield/Lee Ayers
1979	Snow Hill/Roan Mountain	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Gerold Grindstaff
1980	S.P. First/Mine Creek	Maurice Gilliam	M.W. Blanton	Jim Gore/Earl Henry
1981	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Astor Buchanan/Jim Mizell
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/S.P. First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2000 Minutes

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	381	375	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	12	0
Bakersville	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bear Creek	746	629	16	0	3	7	0	5	1	0	11	0
Beaver Creek	266	184	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	544	392	9	0	6	1	1	0	1	0	17	0
Big Crabtree	215	211	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	40	-	7	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	49	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	139	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	125	125	6	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Central	293	229	5	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	0
Chestnut Grove	47	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	209	209	9	0	4	1	3	1	0	0	2	0
Fork Mountain	113	71	6	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0
Freedom	288	258	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	9	0
Friendship	86	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	558	419	7	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	3	0
Ledger	109	-	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	444	368	12	0	0	5	0	5	0	2	10	0
Lily Branch	220	160	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0

Little Rock Creek	69	69	6	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	0
McKinney Cove	150	118	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mine Creek	157	149	8	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	0
Mount Carmel	405	144	6	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	6	6
Pine Branch	562	438	5	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	14	0
Roan Mountain	214	140	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Silver Chapel	175	107	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0
Snow Hill	237	227	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Spring Creek	180	152	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	596	413	8	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	11	19
Toecane	46	-	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	83	83	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0
Western Carolina	37	36	26	0	0	2	4	12	8	0	0	15
White Oak	142	74	14	0	0	6	4	3	1	0	0	3
Assoc. Totals	8,065	5,926	188	0	33	51	24	44	30	6	128	48

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Intercessory Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Assoc. Missions On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Altapass	1925	1987	A	210	0	2	Yes	Yes	No
Bakersville	1869	-	A	80	0	0	-	-	-
Bear Creek	1830	2001	A	355	0	0	No	Yes	No
Beaver Creek	1906	00	A	69	0	0	-	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934	1999	C	210	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	A	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	1983	A	30	0	0	No	No	Yes
Black Mountain	1882	-	A	21	0	0	-	Yes	-
Calvary	1949	1991	A	50	0	0	-	-	
Cane Creek	1869	-	A	60	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Central	1932	-	A	55	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chestnut Grove	1923	2000	A	45	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1997	A	80	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	-	A	45	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Freedom	1988	-	A	125	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	C	40	0	0	Yes	No	Yes

Grassy Creek	1818	2002	F	196	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Ledger	1953	1999	A	55	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	1997	A	175	0	0	-	-	-
Lily Branch	1859	-	A	67	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Cr.	1884	1997	A	52	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	-	A	27	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	A	92	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2001	D	75	0	0	-	-	-
Pine Branch	1921	2000	D	225	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roan Mountain	1813	2000	A	59	0	0	-	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	-	B	57	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Snow Hill	1915	1989	A	81	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	A	113	0	0	-	-	-
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	C	315	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toecane	1916	1978	A	28	0	0	-	-	-
Vision Missionary	1998	1998	A	71	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Western Carolina	2000	2000	C	65	1	2	Yes	No	Yes
White Oak	1884	2000	A	48	0	0	-	-	-
Assoc. Totals				3,351	1	4			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-(65-up) 15j-Other Bible Study 17-SS Not Member
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-64) 15i-Gen. Officers 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Altapass	182	39	25	19	8	20	33	18	18	2	0	115	15	175
Bakersville	60	3	5	5	4	6	11	10	14	2	0	41	0	-
Bear Creek	295	30	36	29	22	30	40	40	40	12	16	220	8	190
Beaver Creek	62	4	3	4	2	4	12	12	19	2	0	38	0	63
Berry Chapel	178	24	23	16	12	15	25	33	24	5	0	149	9	207
Big Crabtree	75	11	8	6	5	10	15	9	11	-	0	70	10	107
Big Rock Creek	38	4	8	4	2	5	10	4	1	-	0	38	0	37
Black Mountain	11	1	3	0	0	2	1	2	2	-	0	11	0	0
Calvary	50	4	5	3	2	9	10	7	10	-	0	50	0	0
Cane Creek	60	5	6	7	6	6	10	10	10	0	0	60	5	58
Central	92	5	5	11	13	9	18	18	10	3	1	51	8	38
Chestnut Grove	50	1	3	2	4	-	10	-	20	10	0	28	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	101	8	11	5	3	12	22	26	10	4	0	68	10	91
Fork Mountain	36	7	2	5	3	3	3	5	4	4	0	20	0	0
Freedom	149	12	15	15	13	20	25	25	20	4	0	75	7	70
Friendship	44	0	0	4	0	2	8	6	20	4	0	36	6	25
Grassy Creek	275	20	15	25	21	26	15	19	15	5	114	163	45	126
Ledger	46	11	4	7	0	7	7	5	5	-	0	33	0	42
Liberty Hill	164	22	13	8	14	15	10	28	24	30	0	102	0	-
Lily Branch	87	8	14	7	4	19	12	11	10	2	0	53	2	53

Little Rock Creek	68	3	5	3	4	13	18	9	13	0	0	52	20	77
McKinney Cove	82	11	8	8	0	14	31	0	9	1	0	42	0	98
Mine Creek	150	18	10	30	7	15	13	33	12	11	1	85	9	25
Mount Carmel	100	8	11	4	3	14	15	34	8	3	0	66	0	93
Pine Branch	185	18	20	20	15	25	30	22	28	7	0	145	0	134
Roan Mountain	73	5	12	8	4	8	15	-	21	-	0	51	4	45
Silver Chapel	83	5	5	6	6	10	12	15	20	4	-	50	0	25
Snow Hill	73	4	5	4	10	10	20	5	5	10	0	60	0	61
Spring Creek	135	19	8	12	8	24	24	16	16	8	0	105	11	82
Spruce Pine, First	263	17	30	38	24	24	30	36	31	7	26	139	0	107
Toecane	30	6	3	2	0	8	1	9	1	0	0	28	0	-
Vision	150	16	14	8	2	6	9	15	79	1	0	83	0	49
Western Carolina	64	3	9	5	9	22	12	2	0	2	0	60	14	152
White Oak	68	4	4	16	6	8	8	10	8	4	0	44	4	48
Assoc. Totals	3579	356	348	346	236	421	535	494	538	147	158	2431	187	2278

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Altapass	27	0	0	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	68	0	10	15	39	4	15	0	0	0	15
Berry Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	12	7	8	22
Big Crabtree	19	5	4	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	39	5	4	5	23	2	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	34	10	7	8	0	9	25	0	0	0	25
Lily Branch	21	0	2	6	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	18	0	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	27	0	6	7	12	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	82	0	13	21	42	6	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	51	2	12	5	30	2	0	0	0	0	0
White Oak	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	389	22	60	71	206	30	89	12	7	8	62

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Altapass	35	0	5	13	12	5	8	6	1	1	0	0
Bear Creek	60	6	10	15	23	6	38	3	4	31	0	0
Beaver Creek	11	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	90	7	31	27	23	2	19	0	0	22	0	0
Central	20	0	3	5	12	0	22	5	4	12	1	0
Crabtree Chapel	8	0	0	0	7	1	12	2	0	10	0	0
Freedom	16	0	0	0	14	2	7	0	0	7	0	0
Friendship	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	18	4	7	7	0	0	11	6	3	2	0	0
Lily Branch	10	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	15	0	7	0	7	1	8	8	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	66	9	11	10	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Carmel	10	0	0	0	10	0	15	0	0	15	0	0
Pine Branch	83	2	33	15	32	1	43	8	15	20	0	0
Roan Mountain	21	0	7	0	10	4	10	0	0	10	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	68	6	7	22	29	4	58	11	16	29	2	0
Assoc. Totals	582	34	121	114	281	32	251	49	43	159	3	0

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:
21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Altapass	64	4	8	16	36	0
Bakersville	19	0	0	0	19	0
Bear Creek	139	15	5	15	84	20
Berry Chapel	57	4	8	0	40	5
Big Crabtree	55	5	14	9	27	0
Calvary	33	8	5	0	20	0
Cane Creek	34	3	4	11	12	4
Central	58	0	10	15	18	15
Crabtree Chapel	23	0	4	3	8	8
Freedom	48	3	3	3	30	9
Grassy Creek	53	3	10	0	40	0
Ledger	14	0	0	3	11	0
Liberty Hill	32	0	0	5	23	4
Lily Branch	27	0	5	5	17	0
McKinney Cove	50	4	6	10	30	0
Mine Creek	66	10	7	5	41	3
Mount Carmel	23	0	2	3	15	3

Pine Branch	70	3	18	15	34	0
Roan Mountain	42	6	8	6	20	2
Snow Hill	27	5	3	4	15	0
Spruce Pine, First	62	0	9	9	34	10
Vision Missionary	28	8	0	0	20	0
Western Carolina	3	0	0	0	3	0
White Oak	52	0	0	16	32	4
Assoc. Totals	1,079	81	129	153	629	87

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Altapass	201,332	19,897	0	688	5,822	0	2,870	4,920	0	18,896
Bakersville	77,235	1,284	11,005	1,839	559	1,753	2,000	1,766	0	0
Bear Creek	360,456	10,312	0	24,000	4,000	3,000	4,609	23,005	6,000	79,837
Beaver Creek	52,344	7,046	5,839	2,717	2,174	2,717	1,722	3,146	220	1,191
Berry Chapel	175,769	7,325	3,556	12,510	5,360	87	213	902	98	-
Big Crabtree	40,587	11,861	0	0	1,622	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	11,251	0	0	859	606	94	0	172	0	1,800
Cane Creek	38,425	8,946	0	600	900	500	720	1,002	0	0
Central	90,583	9,785	1,981	5,777	1,155	200	1,803	424	1,128	5,301
Chestnut Grove	36,305	-	-	0	0	0	191	1,044	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	63,163	9,157	0	2,611	2,089	0	364	829	542	16,268
Fork Mountain	24,823	4,846	0	935	564	145	350	400	0	1,388
Freedom	26,493	37,137	0	1,868	7,470	3,735	2,654	3,014	8,978	17,159
Friendship	30,304	1,500	365	0	600	0	0	0	0	0

Grassy Creek	188,206	31,895	0	18,759	3,600	0	3,553	5,084	3,324	18,874
Ledger	54,242	0	4,000	1,200	1,553	0	1,502	1,503	0	0
Liberty Hill	95,405	21,385	0	2,400	2,100	0	787	2,305	0	0
Lily Branch	100,043	19,875	159	10,137	4,517	3,132	4,712	6,780	6,109	12,937
Little Rock Creek	51,804	17,230	0	0	2,708	2,401	1,500	1,444	9,441	5,635
McKinney Cove	74,155	5,018	0	2,500	2,100	1,000	1,000	2,000	156	8,623
Mine Creek	52,500	0	0	0	1,006	432	250	412	0	3,227
Mount Carmel	94,099	24,316	0	4,639	3,769	3,770	1,169	1,099	1,746	4,253
Pine Branch	203,229	42,180	1,792	20,242	4,120	970	2,850	12,003	1,263	10,604
Roan Mountain	96,791	12,841	0	6,500	4,500	600	1,310	3,300	0	4,550
Silver Chapel	51,835	6,144	3,434	1,600	2,594	0	2,252	4,000	1,136	3,476
Snow Hill	50,104	1,347	0	3,747	1,606	0	930	908	1,179	0
Spring Creek	82,964	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	1,636	8,876
Spruce Pine, First	302,209	64,319	7,495	23,000	1,080	1,516	959	1,562	2,946	36,007
Toecane	9,463	0	0	0	1,621	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	51,039	13,892	3,221	4,328	1,082	0	365	570	719	1,200
Western Carolina	90,746	4,750	0	517	325	0	0	0	8,958	0
White Oak	44,190	1,004	0	0	0	0	0	315	4,123	0
Assoc. Totals	2,922,094	395,292	42,847	153,973	71,802	26,052	40,635	83,909	59,702	260,102

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155th ANNUAL SESSION

2003

Held with
Mine Creek Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC
and
Silver Chapel Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC

The next Annual Session to be held with
Berry Chapel Baptist Church
Spruce Pine, NC
August 23, 2004

McKinney Cove Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC
August 24, 2004

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We respectfully dedicate the
2003 Minute Books
to
Rev. Richard M. Cassity

In Mitchell Association
Rev. Cassity served as pastor of:
Spruce Pine, First Baptist Church
Mount Carmel Baptist Church
Beaver Creek Baptist Church
Grassy Creek Baptist Church

Rev. Cassity first came to Spruce Pine in December, 1951 to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church. He served as supply or interim pastor in 30 churches in Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey Counties in North Carolina and Sullivan County in Tennessee. He performed over 300 weddings, conducted more than 1400 funerals, performed over 200 revivals and led thousands of people to the Lord.

He loved the people of Mitchell County and everyone who knew him loved him too. Rev. Cassity went home to be with our Lord on April 3, 2003.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Director of Missions ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine
1890 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville
Moderator ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
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Vice-Moderator ..... Rev. David Johnson
181 Meadowview Rd., Spruce Pine
Clerk ..... Judy Greer
140 Hill St., Spruce Pine
Treasurer ..... Sondra Stewart
461 Lower Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine
Historian ..... Buster Sparks
251 Ledger School Rd., Bakersville
Sunday School Director ..... Richard McKinney
65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine
Baptist Men's Director/Disaster Relief Coordinator ..... Eddie Williams
7158 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
WMU Director ..... Martha Williams
7158 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
Church Music Director ..... David Thayer
1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
Evangelism Chairman ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine
Missions Committee Chairman ..... Virginia Lovejoy
1790 Fork Mountain Rd., Bakersville
Bible Drill Director ..... Martha Burleson
342 Hamburg Rd., Bakersville

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Baptist Men's Director ..... Eddie Williams
Historian ..... Buster Sparks

WMU DIRECTORY

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Assistant Director ..... Marlene Ayers
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Secretary ..... Nora Nell Jarrett
4680 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
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P.O. Box 131, Bakersville
Acteens Director ..... Amy Ellis
53 Spruce Pine Campground Rd., Spruce Pine
Missions Consultant ..... Beulah Burleson
614 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

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President ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
195 Gouges Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
Vice-President ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone
415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2003-2004 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2004 ..... Virginia Lovejoy, Chairman
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Jeannie Stronach
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Matthew Mills

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
Rev. Dallas Renfro, Chairman
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Rev. Greg Hollifield
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Rev. Nathan Silver

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2004 ..... Joe Biddix
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Jack Michaels

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Max Holland
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Steve Williams
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2004 ..... David Dale
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Monroe Bridges
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Morris Stamey

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Don Stafford
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Denny Buchanan
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Gordon Lovejoy

Central
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. Russell McKinney
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Jerry Gouge
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Peggy Howell

South
Term Expiring 2004 ..... Rev. B.G. McMahan
Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Fred Proctor
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Ann Stewart

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS ..... Donnie Vickers
64 West Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine

BEAR CREEK ..... Ronnie Burleson
154 Duncan Dr., Bakersville
BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine
CENTRAL ..... Jerry Hodge
273 North Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK ..... Fred Burleson
146 Kaywilla Lane, Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL ..... Max Cabe
125 Cliff Buchanan, Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH ..... Buddy Murdock
3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK ..... Tommie L. Edwards
184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL ..... Avery Buchanan
96 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST ..... Jean Warren
7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine
VISION MISSIONARY ..... Michael Garrison
146 Kelly Hunter Rd., Mars Hill
WHITE OAK ..... Steve Carpenter
1043 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
WESTERN CAROLINA ..... Chris Renfro
190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine

SERMONS FOR 2004 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Jack Michaels
Tuesday ..... Rev. John Stafford

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

BERRY CHAPEL ..... Nathan Silver
195 Gouges Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
SILVER CHAPEL ..... Matthew Grindstaff
3171 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Rev. Fred Proctor- Chairman, Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Rev. Steve Stronach

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Steve Sisk-Chairman, Rev. Max Holland, Rev. Matthew Grindstaff

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff - Chairman, Rev. Mark McKinney, Richard Haney

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Dallas Renfro-Chairman, Rev. Matthew Mills, Rev. B.G. McMahan

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Carol Sisk, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, David Heaton, Jonathan Thacker, Decima McKinney, Augusta Gross, Dale Blevins
BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, James Miller, Maria Rosa Miller, Frank Woody, Elizabeth Woody, Irene Sparks, Phillip Wilson, Mitzi Wilson
BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Joel Burton, Phillip Henline, Mary Henline, Anna Mae Carpenter, Beulah Burleson, Nina Buchanan
BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Mary Stafford, Edna Grabowski, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer, Lou Jenkins, Jeanette Woody, Lizzie Woody, Betty Biddix, Tom Reeves, Bobby Joe Greene
BIG CRABTREE: Dora Willis, Claude Willis, Joe Franklin
BIG ROCK CREEK: Tony Honeycutt, Angela Honeycutt, Garland Honeycutt, Joshua Doan
CALVARY: Rev. Don Stafford, Mary Stafford, LeElla Cooke, Elden Cooke, Helen Beaver
CANE CREEK: Rev. John Stafford, Inez Buchanan, Renae Ledford, Amanda Yelton
CENTRAL: Rev. Jim Sutton, Monroe Bridges, Shirley Traynham, Donnie Traynham, Jerry Hodge, Peggy Hodge
CHESTNUT GROVE: Rev. Clifford Earley, Lucy Earley, Frank Hollifield, Hilda Hollifield
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Rev. Fred Proctor, Kaye Proctor, Charles Allen, Ted Sparks, Lillian Sparks
FORK MOUNTAIN: Ivan Greene
FREEDOM: Rev. Todd Ayers, Ed Gallagher, Gladys Burleson, Charles McClellan, Elizabeth McClellan, Ola Mae Freeman
FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney, Marjorie Hilemon, Fred

Hilemon
GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matthew Mills, , Pearl Connor, Gil Connor, Sue Fox, Frank Fox, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson, Dorothy McKinney, Harry Wolf, Sue Wolf
LIBERTY HILL: Rev. David Johnson, Eddie Williams, Martha Williams, Charles Jones, Betty Jones, Mary Gurley, Marie Sparks, Edith Hinkle, Elsie McKinney
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock, Dorothy Grindstaff, Kathleen Hall, Dean Myers
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Donald Albers, Gordon Lovejoy
McKINNEY COVE: Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Haynes Hughes, Jean McCourry, Dianna Gouge, Jean Saylor, Jim Saylor, Clarence Fleet Hensley
MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Nathan Silver, Leslie Crowder, Toby Crowder, Rebecca Fortner, Avery Buchanan, Carl Lusk, Richard Haney, Burl Pitman, Angie Silver
PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Quentin Buchanan, Shirley Buchanan, David Wilcox
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. B.G. McMahan, Mildred McMahan, Ron Bailey
SILVER CHAPEL: Rev. Mark McKinney, Alvin Livingston, Carolyn Livingston, Mozell Howell, Fred Louis Howell, Doris Hughes
SNOW HILL: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Morris Burleson, Wes Brewer
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Jean Warren
TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson, Betty J. Grindstaff, Joe Grindstaff, Lloyd Laws
VISION MISSIONARY: Rev. Martin Fisher, Rebecca Fisher
WESTERN CAROLINA: Rev. Alvin Carpenter, Rev. Chris Renfro
WHITE OAK: Rev. Jack Michaels, Paul Duvall, Melvin McNeill

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all

the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed

upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.

2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.

3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.

4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.

5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.

2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.

3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members

present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

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155th Annual Session
Mitchell Baptist Association

Mine Creek Baptist Church, Bakersville
Monday, August 25, 2003
3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: "Rejoice In The Lord..." Phil. 4:4

3:30 Call to Order ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator

Hymn #167 ..... "Joy Unspeakable"

Welcome ..... Rev. Kenneth Murphy

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
Committee Report: Order of Business ..... Rev. Fred Proctor

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

3:45 Director of Missions Report ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine

4:00	Recognitions, Announcements, Committee Appointments, Welcome of New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business	
4:30	Hymn #333	"I'll Fly Away"
4:35	Hispanic Ministry	Rev. Charles Alonso
4:50	Special Music	Hispanic Quartet
5:00	Challenge Message	Dr. Thad Dowdle, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
5:30	Benediction and Blessing on meal	
	(Break for the evening meal)	
7:00	Call to Order	Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator
	Hymn #188	"He Lives"
	Scripture and Prayer	Rev. Matthew Grindstaff
	Roll Call of Churches	Judy Greer
7:10	Baptist Children's Homes	Lloyd Fish Regional Development Director, Western Area
7:25	Baptist Men	Eddie Williams
7:40	Hymn #222	"Sunshine in the Soul"
7:45	Mission Message	Charles & Betty Gardner, Missionaries to East Asia
8:15	Hymn #157	"Trust and Obey"
8:20	Special Music	Martha Huskins
8:30	Annual Sermon	Rev. Steve Stronach
9:00	Benediction	

Silver Chapel Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 26, 2003
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00	Call to Order	Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator
	Hymn #333	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
	Welcome	Rev. Mark McKinney
	Scripture and Prayer	Rev. Jim Sutton
	Roll Call of Churches	Judy Greer
7:15	Special Music	Pastors' Choir
7:30	Prison Ministry	Rev. Russel Hoilman
7:45	North American Mission Board	Martin King, Director of Public Relations
8:00	Hymn #428	"Ring the Bells of Heaven"
8:05	Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business	
8:15	Special Music	Rebecca Fisher
8:25	Annual Sermon	Rev. Chris Rathbone
9:00	Benediction	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mine Creek Baptist Church
August 25, 2003
3:30 P.M.

1. The 155th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 25, 2003, 3:30 P.M., at Mine Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harold Grindstaff. The theme for this year's sessions was "Rejoice In The Lord..."

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "Joy Unspeakable," which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer.

3. Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor of Mine Creek Branch Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors.

4. Rev. Nathan Silver, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, read scripture from Psalm 97 and led in the opening prayer.

5. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev. Fred Proctor, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. He made the motion to accept the program for the 2003 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-eight churches were represented. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out at this time.

7. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He read from Matthew 24 and gave information on the past year's ministries. He also thanked everyone for their support on his new home. He gave information on the upcoming Senior Adult Rally, September 29; for a Sunday School Rally in October with Rev. Fred Lunsford; for a mid-winter Youth Crusade, January 31 with Rev. Cody Deese; and on our "On Mission Celebration" to be held August 6-8, 2004, with an association-wide rally on August 6. He left a sign-up sheet on the communion table for pastors to sign up their churches for participation. He recommended his report for approval and the recommendation was seconded and approved.

8. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.

– Rev. Harold Grindstaff called attention to the Committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.

– Our new pastors were recognized: Rev. Bill Stewart - Bakersville Baptist; Rev. Joel Burton - Beaver Creek; Rev. Jim Sutton - Central; Rev. Max Holland - Fork Mountain; Rev. Todd Ayers - Freedom; Rev. Matthew Grindstaff - Lily Branch; Rev. Nathan Silver - Mount Carmel; Rev. Sherrill Whitson - Toecane

9. Judy Greer, called attention to our Treasurer's Report. The balance at the end of the year is $5,126.72. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

10. Our Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, Elden Cooke, presented the Budget for the 2003-2004 associational year. The total for the coming year is $64,207.00. He stated that we were going to go back to a Youth Council with volunteers instead of a paid summer worker. With no questions, the Budget for the coming year was seconded and approved.

11. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

12. In miscellaneous business, registration cards were taken up.

13. The congregation was led in the hymn, "I'll Fly Away."

14. Rev. Charles Alonso presented a report on our local Hispanic Ministry. He stated that Spruce Pine had been chosen for the home of land and a building for the Hispanic Ministry. They hope to have a building in the next two years.

15. Special Music was provided by the Hispanic Quartet.

16. Our Moderator, Rev. Harold Grindstaff, recommended that the churches of the association help with the purchase of this Hispanic church building. Eddie Williams stated that they were looking at four acres of land that had been offered to them. Rev. David Johnson made a challenge to the churches to give in the coming year. Pastors were asked to challenge their churches, (giving $1500 to $2000 each) along with individuals and anyone wanting to help with this ministry.

The associational office will be responsible for the finances and were asked to have a separate report on the incoming pledges.

An offering was taken at this time and $2,555.00 was collected.

17. Our Challenge Message was brought by Dr. Thad Dowdle from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. His scripture was taken from Isaiah 6:1-9 and he spoke on "Experiencing God Today."

18. Our benediction and blessing on the evening meal was given in Spanish by Melchor Huendo, member of our Hispanic Mission.

Break for evening meal.

19. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator. He reminded the pastors to sign up for the "On Missions Celebration," and he gave directions to Silver Chapel Baptist Church.

20. Rev. Bob McKinney reported on his new church building and how God had blessed them with money to build.

21. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "He Lives."

22. Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, pastor of Lily Branch Baptist Church, read scripture from Matthew 6:25-34 and led in prayer.

23. A second roll call of the churches was given with one more church represented, totaling 29.

24. A report was given on the Baptist Children's Homes. Lloyd Fish, Regional Development Director of the Western Area, spoke to us about the work of the Children's Homes and gave information on their financial crisis.

25. Eddie Williams, our associational Baptist Men's/Disaster Relief Coordinator gave information on his work. He also asked that we show our support to Judge Roy Moore in Alabama for his stand on the Ten Commandments. Ways to do this were discussed.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "Sunshine in the Soul."

27. Our missionary guests were Charles and Betty Gardner from Matthews, North Carolina who have been missionaries in Taiwan. They stated that the population is 23 million and 19 million people there do not profess a faith in Jesus Christ.

28. The congregation sang the hymn, "Trust and Obey."

29. Special music was provided by Martha Huskins, member of Liberty Hill Baptist Church. She sang, "Each One - Reach One," and "That's My Jesus."

30. Rev. Steve Stronach, preached the evening message. His scripture was taken from I Samuel 17. He spoke on "Isn't There a Cause?"

31. The benediction was given by Rev. Dallas Renfro, pastor of Little Rock Creek Baptist Church.

Silver Chapel Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 26, 2003
7:00 P.M.

32. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

33. The congregation sang the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

34. Rev. Jim Sutton, pastor of Central Baptist Church read scripture from Psalm 26 and led in the opening prayer.

35. Rev. Mark McKinney, interim pastor of Silver Chapel, gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors to Silver Chapel Baptist Church.

36. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Twenty-six churches were represented at this time.

37. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir, led by Rev. Dallas Renfro. A Pastors' Quartet also sang.

38. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given by Rev. Russel Hoilman. He stated that 82 men had been saved since January.

39. Our North American Mission Board representative, Martin King, could not attend our meeting, due to the illness of his mother-in-law. A prayer was given on her behalf.

40. The congregation sang, "Ring the Bells of Heaven."

41. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.
– Rev. Lester Evans was recognized as our Western Regional Resources Coordinator for the Baptist State Convention.
– The Sunday School Rally with Rev. Fred Lunsford has been changed to October 27-28.
– Lily Branch invited everyone to a Week-End of Worship on September 26-27, with Dr. Victor Rampey as guest speaker.

42. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Daniel Whetstine. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. The name of Sondra Stewart had been added as Treasurer. A motion was made for the adoption of this report and the motion was

seconded and approved.

43. The election of officers began with nominations for Moderator. Rev. Dallas Renfro was nominated for Moderator. A motion was made for the nominations to cease and it was seconded and approved. Rev. Dallas Renfro was elected as moderator. The name of Rev. David Johnson, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church was nominated by Rev. Dallas Renfro, to serve again as Vice-Moderator. The nomination was seconded and approved.

44. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2004 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Berry Chapel Baptist Church in Spruce Pine and the second night at McKinney Cove Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Jack Michaels (pastor of White Oak) and Rev. John Stafford (pastor of Cane Creek).

45. Miscellaneous business included:

– Our Director of Missions drew up a resolution letter of support to be sent to Judge Roy Moore, to the Alabama Supreme Court and to our congressmen. This letter states that the Mitchell Baptist Association agrees with the actions Judge Moore has taken in refusing to remove the Ten Commandments from the Alabama State Courthouse. This resolution letter was read to the messengers and it was recommended that we send it. The recommendation was seconded and approved.

– The Resolutions Committee thanked the two host churches, Mine Creek Baptist Church and Silver Chapel Baptist Church, for their hospitality, and offered a special "thank you" to Mine Creek for the delicious meal on Monday afternoon. A motion was made for the adoption of this resolution and it was seconded and approved.

– A recommendation was made by the secretary/clerk that the 2003 Minute Books be dedicated to Rev. Richard M. Cassity. This recommendation was seconded and approved.

— Rev. Bob McKinney challenged our churches to help financially with the Prison Ministry. A recommendation was made to take up an offering for the Prison Ministry. The offering amount was $1,300.00,

46. Special music was provided by Rebecca Fisher. She sang "Not Too Far From Here," and "These Are They."

47. The Annual Sermon was given by Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church. His scripture was taken from Psalm 133, and he spoke on "The Unity of the Brethren."

48. The benediction was given by Rev. Harold Grindstaff and the meeting was adjourned for another year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 21, 2002

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 21, 2002, for their regularly scheduled session. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions presided. Rev. Jack Michaels, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church led in the opening prayer. The following churches were represented - an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: *Bear Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Friendship, *Grassy Creek, *Ledger, Liberty Hill, Lily Branch, and *White Oak. A total of twelve people were in attendance.

A financial statement was given by the treasurer, stating that the balance in the treasury was $5,165.46.

Old business included:

☞ information on the Jesus videos. The associational office is still collecting videos from church members who would like to share the gospel with others. These will be going to Northern Illinois in late winter or early spring as a tool for evangelism there.

☞ information was given on the "On Mission Celebration," which was formerly known as a World Missions Conference. A request needs to be sent in soon for us to have a date in Spring of 2004. A motion was made that we participate in this event and after discussion, it was seconded and approved.

There was no new business.

Eddie Williams, our Baptist Men's Director/Disaster Relief Coordinator gave a report on some of his recent work. He had traveled to Louisiana to help after Hurricane Lilly came through. The area was 90% Catholic and they saw 7 souls saved the first week they were there.

He is also helping with some remodeling on SafePlace. He will be traveling to Virginia before Christmas with a load of food, clothing and other items.

The Baptist Men's Medical-Dental bus will be Mitchell County on May 3rd. It will be located in Pinebridge's parking lot, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. More information will be given on this later.

Eddie stated that both a Training Session for Disaster Relief and a Regional Men's Rally were being looked into for here in Spruce Pine.

In closing, it was asked that we be much in prayer for the upcoming alcohol vote in the town of Spruce Pine. A committee will be formed for the association and plans are being made to fight against this vote.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer, led by Rev. Bob McKinney, pastor

of Friendship Baptist Church.

February 20, 2003

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 20, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, called the meeting to order. Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church, opened with scripture taken from Matthew 5. He also led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: *Bear Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Central, *Friendship, Grassy Creek, Lily Branch, *Mountain View, and *White Oak. Fourteen people were present.

The November minutes were read by the clerk and approved by the members. The clerk also presented the financial report which showed a balance in the treasury of $3,316.98.

Old business included the following information:

☞ The mission trip to Sterlin, Illinois has been planned. The dates are June 7-13, 2003. The Jesus videos will be taken and distributed. Plans are to have VBS, Evangelism and do light construction.

☞ Our Director of Missions told of the outstanding job our committees had been doing to fight the alcohol referendum in Spruce Pine. He encouraged everyone to help get the people out to vote on March 4.

☞ The Baptist Men's Medical/Dental bus will be at Pinebridge, May 3-4.

There will be a Baptist Men's Regional meeting on May 13th, 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church. The evening meal will be served.

New business included the following information:

☞ The Associational Bible Drills' date has been set for Saturday, March 29th, Bear Creek Baptist Church.

☞ "Operation Inasmuch" will be held sometime in the spring. This a one day workday to help those who for one reason or another can't help themselves. The sick, disabled, handicapped, poor, elderly, etc. We will clean houses, repair and clean out gutters, pick up leaves and limbs, trim bushes, haul away trash, clean house, light repair work and anything else that we feel that we could do. We need names of people we can help and a date will be set later. This will begin with a prayer breakfast.

☞ Rev. Alvin Carpenter, the new pastor at Mountain View Baptist Church, requested prayer for this church as they reorganize. Also for the need of Southern Baptist work in this area.

☞ Our Director of Missions stated that we would once again need a summer student missionary. He asked for recommendations, preferably a college student.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Jack

Michaels, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church.

May 15, 2003

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 15, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Moderator, called the meeting to order. The minutes for the February, 2003, meeting were read by the clerk. Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Friendship, Grassy Creek, Lily Branch, and Spruce Pine, First. Eight people were present.

The clerk gave the financial report -- a balance in the treasury of $3,284.14.

In the absence of our WMU Director and Baptist Men's Director, the clerk gave the following information.

☞ A Disaster Relief Training Session will be held in Boone, June 14 & 15.

☞ The Baptist Men's Medical/Dental Bus was a success in Spruce Pine on May 2 & 3. Fifty nine people were served. The bus will be back in July.

☞ The Annual WMU Meeting was held on May 12 at Roan Mountain Baptist Church. The total in attendance was 83. The guest speaker was Wayne Roper, from WMIT in Black Mountain. An offering was taken for Blue Ridge Broadcasting. The total was $700. Martha Williams was elected the new Associational WMU Director.

☞ Prayer was requested for Eddie and Martha Williams as they travel to Armenia for a two-week mission trip.

Old business included the following information:

☞ The associational mission trip to Moline, Illinois has been canceled.

☞ The associational youth worker for the summer will be Josh Sherrill, new Youth Minister at Berry Chapel Baptist Church.

☞ Wind damage to the flashing on the back of the associational building needs to be repaired. This will be looked into.

For information: Rev. Bob McKinney, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, stated that a Community Vacation Bible School will be held in Bakersville in July.

Several prayer requests were made, one being for Dr. Jerry Pereira, former pastor of Central Baptist Church and our current president of the Baptist State Convention. He has been diagnosed with a serious kind of cancer.

Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on August 25 at Mine Creek Baptist Church and August 26 at Silver Chapel Baptist Church. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by our Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Baptists make a difference... This summer Baptist Children's Homes had a very special guest on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. Many Baptists will remember Patricia Sutherland. She has shared her story at multiple state conventions, and her life has been shared in *Charity & Children* on a couple of occasions. Patricia is a beautiful young woman and a rising senior at Toccoa Falls College in northern Georgia. Looking at Patricia today, you would not recognize her as the same little girl who came to Baptist Children's Homes 11 years ago.

As a young child she lived with abusive, alcoholic and drug-addicted parents who forced her to lie about their abuse. The little girl was threatened with a pistol held to her head and made to sleep on cold hardwood floors. Her abuse and neglect were compounded by a severe medical condition. Because her parents were unable to properly care for Patricia, she went months at a time without the daily medication she so desperately needed.

Then one day, Patricia found the security she had longed for at our Broyhill Home in Clyde. But even at Broyhill Home her life wasn't easy. Patricia has Turner's syndrome, a condition affecting her balance and coordination and stunting her growth. Because she was awkward and clumsy, other children made fun of her at school. But her physical problems only seemed to make her stronger.

While at Mills Home this summer, Patricia was asked to share her story with the girls on campus. She boldly assured them that God has a plan for their life. But then she challenged the girls by telling them it is their choice. They can put their past behind them and trust God and follow His lead, or they can wander through life lost.

Because of your help, children like Patricia are rescued from the jaws of hopelessness and despair, set on solid ground, supported by loving Christian men and women, and are given hope so they can realize their dreams – dreams that at one time in their lives, they could never imagine were possible.

Baptists Respond to Needs Donating Towels, Bedding and Food. If you ask North Carolina Baptists for help, expect them to provide in a big way. When the word went out to North Carolina's WMU that Baptist Children's Homes needed towels and washcloths, hundreds of women in churches across the state provided them. Towels and washcloths flooded in to all BCH locations. When Baptists learned that pillows and sheets were needed in BCH cottages, an avalanche of bedding poured in. And BCH's first statewide food roundup is bringing great enthusiasm and response.

14,640 Baptists Pray for North Carolina Children. More than one hundred

BCH children and staff presented the Chain of Prayer at the 172nd Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. The chain consisted of 14,640 strips of brightly colored paper inscribed with the written prayers of North Carolina Baptist men, women, and children. Each prayer made up an individual link in the Chain of Prayer. The effort was a BCH initiative and was promoted in North Carolina Baptist churches. The Chain of Prayer united thousands of people and represented their belief in the power of God to meet the needs voiced in the prayers.

BCH Hosts National Child Care Executive Meeting. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina hosted the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Baptist Child Care Executives April 22-24 in Greensboro. Directors and other top management of Baptist child care agencies representing as many as 19 states attended the annual meeting. The conference serves as a time of fellowship and continuing education for participants. A highlight took place Wednesday evening with "pigpickin' in Mayberry" at Mills Home in Thomasville. Children and staff recreated the sights and sounds of the popular sixties television program *The Andy Griffith Show.*

Historic Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc. Mills Home in Thomasville, BCH's oldest facility and flagship campus, suffered major damage due to one of the worse ice storms to ever hit the Piedmont. The cost due to the loss, cleanup and repairs reached tens of thousands of dollars. No injury or harm came to the children and staff. Duke Power called the ice storm the worst in its lOO-year history. Parts of the campus remained without electricity for as long as five days. Baptists from across the state sent funds and relief groups to aid in the clean-up efforts reducing the storm's economic effects.

North Carolina Baptist Church Donates Property and $100,000 to Help Build a New Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Asheville's Calvary Baptist Church dedicated property they donated to Baptist Children's Homes and presented $100,000 to help construct the Alverta Bolick Home for developmentally disabled adults on June 8, 2003. The financial gift was made possible through the generosity of the late Alverta Bolick. The group home will be built adjacent to the church and provide a home for six residents.

Baptist Children's Homes Faces Serious Financial Challenges. This year, Baptist Children's Homes took necessary actions to offset further economic hardships. With an overwhelming decline in income and a projected budget deficit of $4 million for fiscal 2003-2004, BCH cut the 2003-2004 budget (effective October 1, 2003). The cuts resulted in the closing of one or more cottages in four of BCH's Family Service Areas, the closing of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the elimination of the agency's Intensive Family Preservation Services, and a reduction of 68 and one half budgeted positions.

(Due to positions currently vacant and the reassignment of some staff, the actual net loss of people was 31.)
BCH...Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors
continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. Although facing critical financial times, BCH holds true to its mission of *"helping hurting children... healing broken families."*

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. *Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.*

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Blackwell, President
James D. Goldston, III, Board of Trustees Chair Fall 2003

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951
Making Life for Older Adults... the "Best of Times"

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to move forward with strength in meeting the needs of North Carolina's fastest growing age group... its senior population. Of particular interest to North Carolina Baptists, are the growing numbers of Older Adults who deal with dementia-related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. In North Carolina, approximately 50 percent of those who reach age 85 struggle with some measure of dementia. The Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, and the Memory Enhanced Residence at the Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community provide environments designed to "enhance" and "retain" the short and long-term memory of those struggling with such disorders. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House also provide exceptional programs for Older Adults with dementia.

Because of the generous financial support received from North Caolina Baptists for the convention's "poor elderly" population, Baptist Retirement Homes has been able to provide more than $1.7 million in benevolent care in 2002. Thank You, North Carolina Baptists!

Brookridge Retirement Community, Winston-Salem, 336-759-1044
The Gardens of Taylor Glen, Concord, 704-788-6510
Hamilton Baptist Home, Hamilton, 252-798-5901
In-Home Care, Winston-Salem, 336-722-1470
The Taylor House, Albemarle, 704-982-4217
Western North Carolina Baptist Home, Asheville, 828-254-9675
Reynolda Road Office, Winston-Salem 336.725.020
The Baptist Elder Care Network, 1-800-887-7410

Respectfully submitted,
J. Luther Osment
Assistant to the President, Winston-Salem, NC

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Christian higher education represents one of the enduring values of the Baptist State Convention. Since it's founding in 1830, North Carolina Baptists have supported Christian higher education through gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget, Baptist State Convention.

Our state and Convention depends upon the graduates of our institutions to lead us. The classrooms across our state are filled with teachers who have received their training from one of our campuses. North Carolina businesses are staffed with people who have been challenged during their formal education on our Baptist campuses to consider the ethical and moral consequences of their decisions. Our churches are filled with God called men and women who have undergone academic preparation to lead our churches, associations and Convention. Where would we be without those graduates?

This success story has been made possible as a result of the faithfulness of North Carolina Baptists who support the Baptist State Convention through their gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget.

Our five Baptist campuses take pride in their association with our Convention. Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate are institutions of Christian distinction. Each considers their Baptist witness to be a hallmark of their institutional mission.

Campbell, Chowan, GardnerWebb, Mars Hill and Wingate welcome the challenge to prepare the next generation of leaders to serve our state and our Lord. A large majority of the students on each campus identify themselves as Baptist. Among those who are Baptist, some are receiving special financial support as a result of your faithfulness to our Convention's mission.

Last year six hundred eighty-seven (687) North Carolina Baptists received special scholarship aid made possible by your gifts to the Convention. This group represents five hundred four (504) different churches and seventy-three (73) different associations.

Churches that give through Optional Giving Plans B & C are helping another special group of North Carolina Baptists. Both giving plans make it possible for the Council to release theological grants to North Carolina Baptists who have heard God's Call and who are engaged in the pursuit of their first professional theological degree. Last year, 320 recipients received this special assistance. As one student told the Council office, "That grant was a major life-saver for me." His comments reflect other students' sentiments, as well.

What does the future hold?

No one knows for sure; but we know that our North Carolina Baptist colleges/universities will continue to receive your students and provide opportunities for them to grow intellectually and spiritually. We can be assured that when they graduate from our campuses, they will carry on with the tradition of those who preceded them through their service to our state and Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Dixon Free, President
Wayne D. Wike, Executive Director

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The *Biblical Recorder* is celebrating its 17Oth anniversary in 2003 by remaining true to its original mission of publishing relevant news and fostering healthy dialogue among members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The world is far different than it was when Thomas Meredith founded the *Biblical Recorder,* but the importance of communication and conversation among Baptists remains unchanged, and the current landscape has many similarities with the one Meredith faced in 1833. Baptists were struggling for growth and shaping their identity in 1833. In time, Baptists came to dominate the denominational landscape of North Carolina, but a variety of societal, demographic and other changes have diminished the overall Baptist presence once again.

And, as early Baptists were often divided over theology, with some clinging to predestination while others championed free will, today's North Carolina Baptists face a changing landscape that features a variety of ways to express our Baptist identity. It has never been more important for North Carolina Baptists to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to provide regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most

significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention. It serves as the official news publication of the Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association for editorial writing in 2000, for design in 2001, and for news writing in 2000,2001, and 2002 -- including the association's grand prize for news writing in 2001.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web at www.biblicalrecorder.org. The Web site provides much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a portal to other news services. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

The Web presence became even more important in late 2003, as the *Recorder* shifted from a publication schedule of 40 issues per year to 27 regular issues plus periodic special issues. The move, made as a matter of stewardship, coincided with the addition of new features and improvements to the Website, including more frequent news updates.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost. Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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Respectfully submitted,
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Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Meeting the Challenges of Health Care

BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS:

EXTENDING THE HEALING TOUCH OF CHRIST

North Carolina Baptist Hospital admitted its first patient on May 30, 1923, culminating a vision of the Baptist State Convention to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Eighty years later, in 2003, we remain firmly committed to the original mission of providing the highest quality medical care marked by excellence, integrity, innovation, and compassion consistent with the teachings of Christ. This report highlights our partnership in missions with North Carolina Baptists.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. Since that time every dollar of every gift has been used for that purpose --- caring for children like Haleigh in her battle with cancer, and adults like Wade and Vickie. You have made a tremendous difference in their lives and many others just like them. Please read their inspiring stories of thankfulness in the new Mother's Day Offering web site (www.ncbhmothersday.org). *Thank you,* North Carolina Baptists, for giving $600,372 to this ministry in 2002!

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

The fruits of Cooperative Giving by North Carolina Baptists are evidenced in life-changing ministries of the School of Pastoral Care. Our mission is *"to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ." Thank you,* North Carolina Baptists, for extending the healing reach of Christ to thousands of hurting people through our ministries.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our Department of Pastoral Counseling, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting. Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The Center for Congregational Health has continued to develop vital ministries. Nearly 600 church leaders received training in the past year through the Center's programs of *leadership development.* "The Pastor as Spiritual Guide" and "Young Leaders" programs have proven to be highly beneficial for N.C. Baptist ministers, deepening their faith as spiritual leaders for their churches. Approximately 25 churches per month have benefitted from the Center's ***consulting ministry***. Initial, expert consultations are provided free to N.C. Baptist churches thanks to Cooperative Giving. ***Intentional Interim ministers*** trained by the Center continue to serve churches in our state, across

the nation, and Australia. Mentoring programs for young ministers are also being provided.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides ministry to patients, families,
and staff through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts each year, extending great compassion and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Specialized training in hospital ministry was provided to 63 students in the past year, making our Clinical Pastoral Education program one of the largest in the nation.

The Department of Church and Community Relations receives no Cooperative Program funds, but serves as a vital liaison to N.C. Baptist churches. The department ministers to over 150 Baptists per year by facilitating physician appointments or helping others with concerns about medical bills. Many of those who are helped have no health insurance and are burdened by financial need.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NC BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Ministry to Ministers and Their Families –

• Baptist Hospital provides a ***subsidy of up to* 25%** for the hospital bills of N.C. Baptist ministers and their families. This amounted to $79,248 in FY 2003. The subsidy comes from the hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with assistance from the Mother's Day Offering as needed.

• The ***Ministers Care Plan*** provides a subsidy to full-time, ordained ministers serving North Carolina Baptist churches, and their immediate family members, who need the support of counseling to recover from emotional pain and stress. Clients pay $20 per session at a CareNet Counseling Center. The Baptist State Convention and CareNet pay for the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

Ranked Among the Nation's Best Hospitals

• North Carolina Baptist Hospital is ranked in the top 50 among ***"America's Best Hospitals"*** according to the July 2003 issue of U.S. *News and World Report.*

• Our hospital continues to be ranked in the ***top* 1 *percent in patient satisfaction*** among our peers in the United States, according to Press Ganey, the health care industry's top patient satisfaction measurement firm.

• We continue to be recognized as a ***Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing,*** demonstrating outstanding nursing leadership and high quality patient care. Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to earn this recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.

• Our Medical Center's cancer treatment programs are ranked 21st in the nation

by *U.S. News and World Report.* **A new facility for our Comprehensive Cancer Center** is under construction and due to open in June 2004. Patients will receive coordinated care, such as required tests, scans, and treatment, in a single visit.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 316-716-2255.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow his example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina provides on-going leadership development and direct mission ministries through its General Board programs of work, primarily conducted by staff located at the Baptist Building in Cary.

The majority of the General Board-supported ministries are in the Mission Growth Evangelism and Congregational Services groups. In addition, many of the direct mission projects (partnership missions, etc.) are administered through the two convention auxiliaries--Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union. Many of these mission and ministries are conducted cooperatively with the various associations across the state.

Partnership mission projects (with the approximate number of volunteers) for 2003 include Honduras (700 volunteers), Alaska (1,000 volunteers) and Southeast Asia (75 volunteers). To date, almost 1,300 volunteers have served with the Baptist Men's Medical/Dental Bus in 42 associations across the state. In addition, 1,400 people were trained for disaster relief ministries.

The annual Baptist Men's Convention registered approximately 2,000 participants with 880 boys attending the Royal Ambassador Congress. The Co-ed Student Missions conference registered 45 participants with 500 people scheduled to attend the Camporee Project.

The estimated number of participants in Deep Impact and World Changers include Deep Impact Honduras (130), Deep Impact Spring Weekend at Caswell (300), Deep Impact Charlotte set for November (300) and Mission Connect (1,050).

Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina provided training for over 2,000 people at the two weekend Missions Extravaganza meetings at Ridgecrest this year. During two weekend meetings, $13,454 was received to help with the Project HELP: Restorative Justice program.

WMU-sponsored events in 2003, and number of participants, include Baptist Nursing Fellowship (190), Girls in Action Days (645), Children in Action Days (175), Camp Mundo Vista summer program (1,069), GA Mother/Daughter Camp (354) and Young Women on Mission Retreat (225).

Other WMU-related ministries for the year included training 566 ladies in associational leadership meeting, providing a woman's prison retreat at Camp Mundo Vista for 60 inmates, send 2,300 Red Christmas Boxes, 134 gifts to missionaries and conducting a ministers' wives retreat.

Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC), a national WMU program designed to help women who need to enter the job market, includes 16 sites across the state, involving more than 95 volunteers. Since 1999, CWJC has served approximately 100 participants per year.

Student mission projects for 2003, and number of participants, include Youth Corp (21), BSU-funded (24), Wilmington Area Resort Ministries (4), Resort Area Ministry, Boone (2), Raleigh Area Ministry (2), Caraway (23), Mundo Vista (43), Praise and Worship Team (15) and Language Ministry with migrants (1).

International Student Ministry projects involve a fall conference at Ridgecrest (90 students) and a spring conference at Caswell (300 students). The BSC annual convention at Ridgecrest registered almost 400 students with 220 students attending the spring student leadership conference at Caraway.

Baptist State Convention congregational leadership projects are held across the state throughout the year, including the ETC (Equipping Today's Church) meetings at Ridgecrest and Caswell, Children's Bible Drills and Youth Speakers' Tournaments, youth weeks at Caswell, and program-related training events on a statewide, regional and associational levels.

In addition, the Baptist State Convention includes three social service agencies (Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes and Baptist Hospital) and five college and universities (Chowan, Campbell, Wingate, Gardner-Webb and Mars Hill). The convention also supports two agencies--the Biblical Recorder and Baptist Foundation.

BAPTIST MEN

The year 2003 has been a very busy one for the Baptist Men. God continues to open doors and to present new ways to serve him and to uplift his name. Our Baptist Men and Women have been on mission trips to Israel, Louisiana, Virginia, Tennessee, New York. Malaysia, Alaska, Honduras and Armenia. At the present time we have partnerships with Alaska, Honduras, Malaysia, New York and Armenia. Along with all these areas of service our men and women have continued to meet the needs of those in our local community in a manner which glorifies our Lord and Savior.

In the past year our Baptist Men have hosted a Regional Men's Rally, added one more Disaster Relief/Handyman ministry trailer and have seen our trained volunteer list increase. We have also had more youth responding with mission trips locally and on the foreign field.

Recently Dale Duncan was elected as the State Disaster Relief Coordinator and Robert Stroup was elected as President West of our N.C. Baptist Men. Our county and association are well represented with the election of these two men who have a heart for missions and serving our Lord throughout the world. We as faithful servants must continue to pray and support these men in the task set before them.

Our Baptist Men's Medical and Dental Bus served 59 patients in May and 66 more in July. Thanks to all the dentists and doctors and their trained personnel who helped make this project such a great success by giving of their time to meet a physical need in our community. Also a very heart-felt thanks to our WMU for their financial support. Without your sincere dedication to serving the Lord and reaching out this would not have been possible. Through the obedience of those above, soil was tilled and seeds planted so God's Kingdom may be increased.

During the past year over 120 shoe boxes and 100 baskets were delivered to needy children during the Christmas and Easter holidays. I thank each church and person who helped contribute to these wonderful projects. The smiles upon their faces said it all. May God continue to bless as we help those less fortunate than us. We also continued to deliver food, clothes and household items to the Kentucky Coal Mine District. This is a wonderful ministry and one that all can be a part of. Please continue to pray and support this very worth while project.

Thank you Mitchell County Baptists for your support in church building, clothes and food distribution, home repairs, spreading God's Word and making it possible for those who need dental/medical care to have it. May God richly bless each one!

Respectfully submitted,
Eddie Williams,
Baptist Men's/Disaster Relief Director

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

I have been the Building and Grounds Chairman for the past three years. While there have been improvements and repairs made at the Mitchell Baptist Associational Office during that time, there is still work to be done.

The amount to fund the necessary maintenance and repairs has increased from $500 to $1000 over the past three years. While I am very grateful tor this increase, it is extremely difficult to maintain a facility such as the Associational Office with this amount.

I greatly appreciate the people who have volunteered many hours of labor and the churches which contributed money for various projects in the past. Without their help and God's inspiration, it would not have occurred. It is however, somewhat awkward and unrealistic to solicit the churches within the county every time an expensive maintenance repair is required at the associational office.

Numerous attempts and options were pursued to replace the linoleum flooring at the associational office. The flooring was 15 years old and in poor condition. In God's timing, He made that possible Eddie Williams, Disaster Coordinator, secured a mission team in July, 2003 to install the linoleum. Pastor John Riley and some of the church youth group from Macedonia Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia were instrumental in completing this task. The new flooring helps the overall interior appearance of the associational office.

In addition, Monroe Bridges has been a faithful laborer for Christ at the associational office. He is an inspiration to all of us. He has been a blessing to work with and is always willing to do whatever it takes to get any job done. It is the responsibility of all the churches in Mitchell County to maintain the associational office. It is my hope and prayer that God will burden others to become actively involved in this effort with their time, talents and money.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ford
Building and Grounds Chairman, Term Expiring, 2003

WMU

The 2003 Mitchell Association Annual WMU Celebration was held at Roan Mountain Baptist Church, Monday, May 12th. Our speaker was Wayne Roper from Blue Ridge Broadcasting, WMIT, "The Light," 106.9 on your radio dial. We were excited to meet someone from the radio station that many of us listen to in Mitchell County. The ladies came prepared with an offering for Christian Radio. We collected $700.00 for the Christ-honoring radio station.

There were 83 attending the meeting. "The Jarretts," did our special music.

Lori and Anna are a wonderful mother - daughter team.

Thanks to Jeannie Stronach and the Roan Mountain WMU for a special time of food and fellowship. Eddie Williams, our associational Brotherhood Director, gave a report on the Baptist Men's Medical/Dental Bus that was at Pinebridge, May 2nd and 3rd. He gave an update on the mission trip to Armenia that he and Martha would be taking.

Martha Williams was installed as the new WMU Director for Mitchell Association. Eddie and Martha will make a great team. God sure blessed Mitchell Association with those two.

Our WMU Celebration was about how God has blessed us as a WMU this past year. He has blessed us with many opportunities to serve. He has shown us that when we put forth a little effort, He does great things through us.

Our WMU theme for 2002-2004 is "God's Plan – My Part." One of our projects this year has been to pray for our pastors in Mitchell Association. That's been a tremendous blessing.

In November we had a giant baby shower for Tri-County Pregnancy Center. The response of gifts, money and love was overwhelming. This is a wonderful ministry to women who feel they have no place to go and no one to understand their plight. Mary Ann Higgins, the director of Tri-County Pregnancy Center came to our World Day of Prayer and spoke to us about the needs. Thanks to Little Rock Creek's WMU for hosting our World Day of Prayer in November, 2002. We had a packed house. Our association's G.A.s did our special music. Velma Sturgill also sang. Barb Johns, director of SafePlace Women's Shelter in Spruce Pine was our guest speaker. Barb shared with us the appalling things that are going on in Mitchell County with abuse of women and children. Our associational WMU ladies responded with an outpouring of love with gifts to SafePlace for our Christmas project.

Another project of the WMU this year was to help Eddie Williams with the expense of the Baptist Men's Medical/Dental bus.

Also, one of Mitchell Association's WMU annual projects is the support of the Women's Prison Ministry in Raleigh.

God has blessed me beyond measure as I have served as WMU Director for Mitchell Association. I want to say "thanks" to every lady in WMU. You have prayed for me, encouraged me and were always ready to help with any project we had going.

Mitchell Association's WMU ladies are the best in all the world.

Thanks to Judy Greer who has blessed my life. Always willing to help me in any way and always made me look good. She truly has a wonderful ministry as secretary of Mitchell Association.

I know God has placed Martha in the position of WMU Director. He has led all the way. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers

ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE DRILLS

God gives us our precious children, then He has written out in His Holy Word the instructions on how to raise them.

These verses sum up what God thinks about the children He created. Psalm 127:3: "Lo children are an heritage of the Lord. His command to train them, Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old he will not depart from it." What material to use, Psalm 119:105: " Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." He tells how that material will affect their heart, Psalm 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Oh – how I wish every child could be trained in the ways of the Lord. Churches wake up and promote the most important program the association can offer – Children and Youth Bible Drill, and Speakers' Tournament. God says if we keep his commandments and statutes he will bless us. (Deuteronomy 5:29).

We will have an Associational Bible Drill Workshop, Monday, October 6, 2003, 6:30 P.M. at Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse in Spruce Pine. Please attend if possible, especially if you want to get Bible Drill started in your church.

We are very proud of our churches and leaders that work so very hard to promote these programs. Children are being benefitted so much. We are seeing so many of our young people called into Christian service who have had this training. We give God all the honor, the praise and the glory for great things He hath done.

This year we had 52 children and youth involved in the Associational Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament held at Bear Creek Baptist Church on March 29, 2003. We had 12 churches represented.

The following children participated in the 2003 Associational Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth graders).

Altapass: *Will McKinney, *Christopher Henline, Nicolas McPeters, Dalton Hughes

Bear Creek: Mallory Pitman, Phillip Buchanan, Amber Ellis, Anna Jarrett, Katie Gouge

Berry Chapel: Randy Ramsey, *Courtney Greene, Drew Hollifield, Kellee Maynor

Cane Creek: Seth Morgan, Jerri Snyder, Levi Morgan, Colton Buchanan, James Morgan

Freedom: Dustin Ayers, Danielle Ayers

Ledger: Cody Metcalf

Liberty Hill: *Samantha Jones, Kyle Ponder

Pine Branch: *Whitney Jones, India Ellis, Cayela Miller, Destiny Jenkins

Roan Mountain: Kolby Silver, Maggie Buchanan
Silver Chapel: Thomas Buchanan, Bruce Buchanan, Andrew McKinney
Spruce Pine, First: *Molly Stroup, Victoria Stroup, Emily Garland

The following youth participated in the 2003 Associational Youth Bible Drills. An asterisk (*) indicates a three year participant (which would be ninth graders).
Altapass: Amber Henline, Roxanne Hughes, Ashley McPeters
Bear Creek: Jessica Pitman, Stefani Franklin
Berry Chapel: Ashley Willis, Leigh Maynor, Steffan Hollifield
Crabtree Chapel: *Charity Biggs
Freedom: Ashley Thomas
Liberty Hill: *Colby Boston
Silver Chapel: Melissa Buchanan, *Ben McKinney
Spruce Pine, First: Kathryn Canipe, Lauren Wilson

We had two participants in the Speakers' Tournament. This is open to youth in grades 10-12 and only one can advance from the association. Our participants were Jasmine McKinney from Altapass Baptist Church and Amy Buchanan from Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church. They both did an excellent job and it was a privilege to hear both of them. Jasmine McKinney represented our association at the Regional Tournament. The title of her speech was "Winning by Losing."

We were very proud at the state drills this year. Mitchell Association had a high percentage of the churches that were there. I was very proud of our association for being so well represented. Keep up the good work leaders and parents. God will bless you. I know because I am a recipient of so many of those blessings, I can't count them. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

The Southern Baptist Convention's first national Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Invitational took place this year on June 13, at the Georgia Baptist Convention in Atlanta. North Carolina's representative, Randall Martin from Conway Baptist Church in Conway, had a perfect score and took top honors against 14 other drillers.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson
Associational Bible Drill Director

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in

increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2002, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 28 endowment funds and 17 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.5 million and received $3.3 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $6.3 million in contributions during 2002 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31,2002, the Foundation held $96.4 million under management.

During 2002, our distributions totaled $5.8 million, with charity receiving $3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $23.1 million has been distributed to individuals and $40.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $63.4 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

ANNUITY BOARD

The last three years have indeed been challenging for participants in the Annuity Board retirement plans. During a time that climaxed the worst three-year stock market cycle since 1941 many of our retirement participants have been challenged to look more carefully and monitor more closely their asset allocation with a determined focus on their long-term retirement goals. AB

Funds Trust through the Annuity Board has continued to perform at or above respective bench marks in the equity and bond investment industries despite volatile market conditions.

In an effort to meet constituency needs the Capital Preservation Fund was offered as a 14th investment choice on April 1, 2003. The fund seeks to maximize current income while seeking to maintain a stable value per share. The crediting rate is reset quarterly, is net of all fees and will be announced at least two weeks prior to the quarter's end. The fund is suitable for investors who want to preserve capital and are seeking higher current income than a money market fund over most time periods.

The continuing national health crises characterized by increases in drug costs, provider expenses, consumer demand, and government regulation tops the list in fueling rising health care costs. General inflation and industry litigation fees have also added to the costs. The Annuity Board continues to seek ways to provide affordable health care products. New health initiatives/plans are under consideration and will be available on January 1, 2004.

As a result of these escalating costs for medical insurance, too many of our churches have decided they can not provide this coverage as a benefit for their ministers/church employees. Unfortunately, those who labor under the burden of a "pay package" have seen an enormous erosion of their disposable income. We continue to encourage churches to provide adequate benefits (insurance coverage, retirement, and social security offset) separate from salaries for their ministers and staff and to structure/administer compensation that takes full advantage of the tax laws. The 2002 SBC Compensation Study has proved to be a very valuable resource in assisting church leaders as they strive to provide fair and equitable compensation for those whom God has called to provide spiritual leadership to our Baptist churches across the state of North Carolina from Manteo to Murphy.

The relief ministry through the Annuity Board continues to provide assistance to those needy, retired ministers and to their widowed spouses. Presently, 386 North Carolinians are being helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

As of June 30, 2003, 61 % (2,326) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan, and a record number of 2,879 were receiving benefits. Of course, our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 171 or 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny E. Ross, Senior Consultant
Baptist State Convention

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

Our Mission: The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

Our Vision: We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

Reaching People: The breadth and depth of the North American mission field is unprecedented. There are 312 million people living in the United States and Canada. It Is estimated that 200 million of them do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet, the depth of North America's lostness is evident when 91 percent of respondents in a recent survey considered themselves Christian, even though less than one-third said they had been born-again.

Our culture is hungry for truth but is developing its own understanding of a relationship with God. These unprecedented days of opportunity demand the church deliver the gospel truth in every conceivable way.

In coordination with state Baptist conventions, associations, and other Great Commission partners, NAMB has developed strategies and resources to help Christians and their churches share the gospel as never before. Some of NAMB's breakthroughs this past year include:

⇨An estimated 2,500 schools have student-led Christian clubs who are using the FiSH! strategy. More than 8,500 commitments to Christ are made each year as a result of student-led Christian clubs using FiSH!

⇨There were 176 new chaplains who received SBC endorsement through the North American Mission Board. The total chaplain count is 2,416, and more than 13,800 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.

⇨ The Evangelism Response Center is making it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 29,666 calls received and 460 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 13,877 referrals were made to SBC churches.

⇨Crossover St. Louis, held prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and coordinated by the North American Mission Board, resulted In 2,812 professions of faith.

⇨With 36 out of 97 pregnancy care centers reporting in 2002, there were 11,470 evangelistic encounters; 614 professions of faith; 19,465 visits of all types; 22,842 people served; 2,866 babies saved from abortion; 79 adoptions; and 30 new Bible studies started. There are a total of 97 NAMB trained affiliate centers in the United States. At least 1,369 Southern Baptist churches involved in the Alternatives for Life ministry.

⇨As a result of church and community ministries, there were 29,594 professions of faith. Because of literacy mission efforts, more than 14 new churches were started and there were more than 820 professions of faith. Through refugee ministry, more than 284 refugees were resettled. Through hunger ministry, 3.7 million people were fed and more than 17,000 professions of faith recorded.

⇨ Interfaith witness resources continue to help people share their faith with other faith groups. The Cross or Crescent video was released in 2001 and in a video about Jehovah's Witnesses is currently in production. There were 395 training workshops held throughout the United States on various subjects including Islam and the cults, and 32,991 were trained to share their faith with other groups.

Starting Healthy Churches: In 1900, there were 27 Southern Baptist churches for every 10,000 Americans. Today, there are only 11 churches for every 10,000 people. In some states, the ratio is as high as one SBC church for every 150,000 people. Canada has one SBC church for every 227,000 people. NAMB's goal is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches by the year 2020-a task that will involve helping local churches start 60,000 new churches.

NAMB leaders believe healthy churches will, with the power of the Holy Spirit, reproduce. Each church field is different, but each church must respond to the opportunities before it. The North American Mission Board is committed to providing the leadership, training and resources to help every healthy church start a church.

One of the tremendous needs of churches in the United States is reaching the many ethnic groups. Based on 2002 Annual Church Profile data, there are 6,900 ethnic and African-American congregations in the Southern Baptist Convention. These congregations have more than 900,000 members. For the past 5 years, ethnic and African-American churches have comprised more than half of all Southern Baptist church plants in the United States and Canada. Southern Baptists worship in 216 languages every week in ethnic congregations.

Mobilizing Christians: "North America is awash with people who are lost at sea, grasping for spiritual life," says Bob Reccord, president of the North American Mission Board. "They've grabbed at pleasure. They've grabbed at possessions. They've grabbed at prestige. They've grabbed at empty spirituality. As Christians we have a Savior, and we must extend the lifeline to non-Christians."

Southern Baptists cannot hope to reach all those in North America who need Christ unless a growing army of Christians become involved in sharing Christ. The spiritual needs of the United States and Canada demand both long-term mission personnel and a massive mobilization of volunteers. And yet, record numbers of missionaries and volunteers cannot do what every Christian is called to do.

NAMB is committed to providing the resources and opportunities that will mobilize Christians and churches to be on mission as volunteers, where they live, work, and play. The accomplishments seen in 2002 have only begun to tap Southern Baptists' resources for reaching those around us.

⇨ NAMB's missionary count reached 5,304. Of this number, 3,280 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,924 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.

⇨ The Missionary Mobilization Team continues to work to increase the number of appointed missionaries and long-term volunteers, including students; to nurture Christians expressing interest in missionary service; and to strengthen partnerships with state conventions, associations, churches, and mission personnel.

⇨ Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record numbers: An estimated 416,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects.

⇨ More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 35 state conventions responded to 65 disasters, prepared 1.25 million meals, and repaired 1,000 homes.

Reaching the Cities: One of the most significant changes of the twentieth century was the urbanization of America. Between 1940 and 1990, metropolitan areas in the United States grew as much as 500 percent. Today, 150 million people live in our 50 largest cities. The top 20 cities in the United States are projected to grow 30 to 70 percent over the next 20 years.

But ministry and witness efforts have not kept pace with this phenomenal growth. While Southern Baptists have seen tremendous increases, little of that growth has been in the major cities of the United States and Canada.

Strategic Focus Cities is a strategy for allocating spiritual, human, and financial resources to our major urban areas. NAMB is developing local

strategies with state conventions and association partners in the highest priority cities. In 2002, those plans included efforts in Philadelphia and Seattle.

Responsible In Stewardship: Through the faithful giving of Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before.

In 2002, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) were commendable. Receipts for the AAEO were a record-breaking $49,245,244.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

The International Mission Board (formerly Foreign Mission Board) is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest evangelical denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members. The board's objective is presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to lead individuals to saving faith in Him and result in church-planting movements among all the peoples of the world.

God has called His people to proclaim His name among all peoples. This is our task. But 2,161 "nations," or people groups, live in The Last Frontier – the part of the world with little or no access to the gospel. That's 1.7 billion people who have virtually no chance of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ.

But God is using Southern Baptists to carry the light of Jesus to people groups in spiritual darkness across the globe. Your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions helps to dispel the darkness – and to finish our God-given task of missions. Last year alone, IMB workers and their Baptist partners overseas reported a record 395,773 baptisms and 5,775 new churches worldwide. The number of volunteers has soared, topping 30,000 in 2000.

Southern Baptists are no strangers to sacrifice. For years record numbers of these families and single adults across the country have given up the comforts of home to take the gospel throughout the world. To keep the growing number of missionaries on the field, the bar on financial need has continued to rise.

Southern Baptists have been faithful to give in record amounts, but giving has not kept pace with the expanding ministry opportunities. Last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fell $10 million short of its $125 million goal. Southern Baptists have met the LCMO goal only once since 1981.

To make up for the lack of funding this year, the IMB has slowed down missionary sending and recently eliminated more than 10 percent of its home office staff positions, while reducing some of its products and services. This year, the IMB will look to Southern Baptists more than ever to give to the Cooperative Program and reach its LMCO goal.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Since its inception in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has always had one mission — the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). To fulfill its assigned part of this divine mandate, each SBC entity made special offering appeals to the churches. This method was referred to as the "societal" approach to missions and resulted in severe financial deficits, competition among entities, overlapping pledge campaigns, and frequent emergency appeals which greatly hampered the expanding ministry opportunities God was giving Southern Baptists. Some entities took out loans to cover operating costs until pledges or special offerings were received.

The North American Mission Board (www.namb.net) also supports over 5,100 missionaries and helps start in excess of 1,700 new churches each year, reaching people in fast growing cities and suburbs to small towns and rural communities. Working together, Southern Baptists saw 846,930 new believers baptized in 2002.

Six Southern Baptist seminaries (Southern, Southeastern, Midwestern, Southwestern, Golden Gate, and New Orleans) educate in excess of 14,500 pastors, missionaries, and future church leaders each year. The Ethics & Religious liberty Commission is dedicated to addressing social, moral, and ethical concerns, with particular attention to their impact on American families and their faith. They also provide print resources that offer scriptural responses to the moral and ethical problems of our culture.

Your prayers and support also undergird the work of the Annuity Board, the Southern Baptist Foundation, and the Baptist World Alliance.

Although they receive no CP Missions support, LifeWay Christian Resources and the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) actively promote CP Missions in publications and missions resources.

If "two are better than one" (Eccl. 4:9), how much better are 16 million? This is the current membership in more than 42,000 Southern Baptist churches across the United States. With a global population exceeding six billion and a command to take the gospel to every nation, we must enhance our cooperative efforts if we are going to fulfill Christ's command.

This year at the Southern Baptist Convention the 2003-2004 Cooperative Program allocation budget of $182.3 million was approved. Budget allocations include International Mission Board, 50 percent; North American Mission Board, 22.79 percent; SBC seminaries and historical library and archives, 21.64 percent; SBC operating budget and Annuity Board, 4.08 percent; and Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, 1.49 percent. The first $250,000 of any budget overage will be allocated "to fund the enhancement of Cooperative Program education at the six seminaries."

Pray. Pray regularly for your Southern Baptist missionaries in your state and

around the globe. "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers." Matthew 9:38 (HCSB)

Go. Be involved in some sort of missions endeavor. Talk with your pastor about the available opportunities. You are God's missionary right where you live. "Go...and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19 (HCSB)

Give. Out of love for the Lord, give regularly to Him through your church. If you are not tithing, begin to do so and also discover the blessings of giving beyond the tithe. Encourage your church to increase its participation in Cooperative Program (CP) Missions.

BLUE RIDGE PRISON MINISTRY

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers and monetary support of the prison ministry and for allowing me to do the best job on earth. . . taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that are bound in prison. When these men get saved they may physically be bound, but they are not spiritually bound anymore. They finally have something to live for. Jesus said in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Many of these men remark about this after they are born again and about how finally being saved helps them to deal with their prison sentence in a more positive way. They also give thanks for being in prison, because they have learned that the Lord allowed these things to happen to them so that they might hear the Gospel and be saved.

This past year and a half has been wonderful in the Lord. Changing prisons was not as hard as I thought it would be. The Lord really showed me that He wanted me at Mountain View Correctional Institute. He really touched my heart and verified to me that is where He wanted me the first day that I went there to work last August. Also, the Christian church that was there, made up of inmates, told me that they had prayed me there, that they really wanted a man of God to help them. We had the first baptizing that Mountain View ever had last December and baptized 22 inmates. We recently had a baptizing and baptized 20 inmates. Last year there were 85 young men from Blue Ridge Correctional that were saved before I went to Mountain View in August and 90 inmates were saved at Mountain View between August and December 31, coming to a total of 175 men saved in 2002. This year, from January 1 through today, there have been 74 men saved and we still have half the year to go! To God be the glory!

Again, thank you for your support for you are who God uses to make the ministry financially possible. If you didn't financially support it there would be no ministry. I would have to go back to a secular job to support my family. Those of you who are supporting, please pray and see if you can increase your support. Those of you who are not supporting, please pray and see if God will

allow you to support. The cost of living has gone up, but my pay check hasn't. God doesn't have a magic helicopter that He sends over my house and drops down what I need. He has you. You are His hands and arms and heart. Please give as He leads you concerning the prison ministry. Please make out the checks to Blue Ridge Prison Ministry and mail them to the attention of Steven Williams, Treasurer, c/o Mitchell Baptist Association, 278 Chapel Street, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Respectfully submitted,
Russel W. Hoilman,
Chaplain

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Webster's dictionary defines an association as "an organization of persons having common interests." This describes the ministry of Mitchell Baptist Association perfectly. We are thirty-six churches on mission for Christ in our Jerusalem.

The ministries of our association are many and varied. In fact, there are way too many to list in this short report, so I will just briefly mention a few of the accomplishments of the past year. We have attempted to minister in all areas and to all people. I feel that we were successful in most of our efforts.

This past year, your association has ministered to literally hundreds of individuals and many churches. We were able to help seven of those churches in their search for a pastor. On October 25-26 we had an associational Soul-Winning Training Seminar held at Pine Branch Baptist Church. The response was tremendous. Nineteen people completed the training and committed themselves to witness to at least one person each month. We also collected approximately 500 Jesus videos and they were distributed by a youth mission group in Myrtle Beach, SC. We continue to support Broyhill Home by sending Christmas gifts to the children each year, and of course we also participated in the food drive for the children.

Probably the most important event to happen this year was the defeat of the beer and wine referendum. This was a joint effort of a lot of people with your association leading the charge. We do thank the Lord for the victory. Our associational Bible Drills, under the able direction of Martha Burleson, was a huge success. Fifty-two children representing 12 churches participated.

I am sorry to report that not everything has gone as I would have liked. Interest could not be generated in our "Operation In As Much" project so this had to be cancelled. We also had to cancel the mission trip to Illinois due to a lack of interest. We were able to have our Youth Crusade but the attendance was very low. Maybe we can work on these things and see better results this coming year.

We must praise the Lord for the wonderful year that we have enjoyed. May we continue to follow His leadership and put Him first in our efforts. If we do, our association can only do good things. God bless you all!

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Whetstine,
Director of Missions

PROPOSED BUDGET
2003 - 2004

	2001-2002	2002-2003
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,300.00	$ 8,300.00
Housing Allowance	4,707.00	4,707.00
Travel Reimbursement	1,900.00	1,900.00
Office Secretary	17,650.00	17,650.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
Sunday School/VBS	150.00	150.00
Memory Work	350.00	300.00
WMU	400.00	300.00
Evangelism	500.00	400.00
Youth (Summer youth worker)	1,000.00	0
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,100.00	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	400.00	900.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
DOM's Retirement	4,000.00	4,000.00
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops	700.00	700.00

Social Security Allowance: Director of Missions Secretary	 800.00 1,312.00	 800.00 1,312.00
Medical Insurance/Secretary	3,900.00	4,175.00
Secretary's Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonuses: Director of Missions Secretary	 600.00 500.00	 600.00 500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,550.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,500.00	4,000.00
Postage	1,800.00	1,800.00
Utilities	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fire Insurance	700.00	750.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	800.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Savings for Office Equipment Replacement	3,600.00	1,200.00
TOTAL	$ 65,682.00	$ 64,207.00
Budget & Finance Committee:		
B.G. McMahan		
Russell McKinney		
Jerry Gouge		
James Miller		
Elden Cooke, Chairman		

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year ending, July 31, 2003

CHURCH	MAY - JULY	AUG - APR	TOTALS
Altapass	$ 2,097.00	$ 3,764.00	$ 5,861.00
Bakersville	250.00	400.00	650.00
Bear Creek	1,200.00	3,600.00	4,800.00
Beaver Creek	496.77	1,711.58	2,208.35
Berry Chapel	1,353.00	3,367.00	4,720.00
Big Crabtree	356.00	1,006.00	1,362.00
Big Rock Creek	50.00	100.00	150.00
Black Mountain	165.50	431.50	597.00
Calvary	207.00	485.62	692.62
Cane Creek	225.00	600.00	825.00
Central	529.82	1,186.33	1,716.15
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	383.56	1,857.72	2,241.28
Fork Mountain	0	250.00	250.00
Freedom	578.15	1,254.55	1,832.70
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	800.01	2,133.36	2,933.37
Ledger	547.68	1,084.59	1,632.27
Liberty Hill	350.00	1,750.00	2,100.00
Lily Branch	1,423.83	3,252.22	4,676.05
Little Rock Creek	658.73	1,837.67	2,496.40
McKinney Cove	600.00	1,775.00	2,375.00
Mine Creek	711.00	1,248.39	1,960.20
Mount Carmel	588.67	1,682.10	2,270.77
Mountain View	0	0	0
Pine Branch	2,123.29	2,043.08	4,166.37
Roan Mountain	1,074.87	2,953.60	4,028.47
Silver Chapel	926.19	1,576.14	2,502.33
Snow Hill	372.33	1,383.65	1,755.98
Spring Creek	100.00	450.00	550.00
Spruce Pine, First	150.00	350.00	500.00
Toecane	0	100.00	100.00
Vision Missionary	150.00	502.96	652.96
Western Carolina	0	550.00	550.00
White Oak	178.20	289.67	467.87
TOTALS	$ 18,797.41	$ 45,426.73	$ 64,224.14

TREASURER'S REPORT
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2003

	May - July	Aug - Apr	Totals
Receipts:			
Churches	$ 18,797.41	$ 45,426.73	$ 64,224.14
Baptist State Convention	126.00	1,997.72	2,123.72
Minute Fund	0	800.50	800.50
Other -Sale of Supplies, Misc.Contrib.	227.44	868.70	1,096.14
Total Receipts	$ 19,150.85	$ 49,168.24	$ 68,319.09
Disbursements:			
100 *Personal Ministries Expense*			
Director of Missions			
101 Salary	$ 1,430.01	$ 4,290.03	$ 5,720.04
102 Housing	1,276.77	3,830.31	5,107.08
103 Travel	425.01	1,275.03	1,700.04
104 Social Security	200.01	600.03	800.04
105 Retirement	999.00	2,997.00	3,996.00
Secretary			
106 Salary	3,382.56	10,147.68	13,530.24
107 Retirement	1,080.00	3,240.00	4,320.00
108 Medical	1,124.91	3,049.93	4,174.84
200 *Mission Support Ministries*			
201 Sunday School/VBS	0	0	0
202 Memory Work	0	169.91	169.91
203 WMU	107.98	18.71	126.69
204 Evangelism	0	100.00	100.00

(continued)	May-July	Aug - April	Totals
205 Youth	278.53	60.23	338.76
206 Prison Ministry	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
207 Hispanic Ministry	99.99	299.97	399.96
300 *Administrative Support Ministries*			
301 Convention/Conferences/Workshops	25.00	625.00	650.00
302 Building & Grounds	998.20	160.00	1,108.20
303 Flowers and Memorials	48.15	42.60	90.75
304 Christmas Bonuses	0	1,100.00	1,100.00
400 *Operating Expenses*			
401 Telephone	433.93	1,248.51	1,682.44
402 Utilities	169.84	1,008.51	1,178.35
403 Postage	338.12	1,237.12	1,575.24
404 Building Insurance	0	688.00	688.00
405 Office Supplies and Repairs	988.31	3,168.24	4,156.55
500 *Miscellaneous Exp.*			
501 Savings Account for New Copier	900.00	2,400.00	3,300.00
502 Printing of Minutes	0	1,222.09	1,222.09
503 Quarterly Taxes	1,789.92	5,355.76	7,145.68
504 State Taxes	375.00	1,113.00	1,488.00
505 Miscellaneous	276.06	2,029.02	2,305.08
Total Disbursements	$ 17,222.30	$ 53,051.68	$ 70,273.98

Cash on Deposit, April 30, 2003			$ 3,198.17
Add: Receipts for May-June-July			19,150.85
Total			$ 22,349.02
Less Disbursements May-June-July			17,222.30
Cash on Deposit, July 31, 2003			$ 5,126.72

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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LEDGER: Karen Young, 577 Bear Creek Church Rd., Bakersville
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LILY BRANCH: Stephanie Medford, 295 Conley Ridge Rd., Bakersville
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Zip Codes

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Elizabethton, TN	37643
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Marshall	28753
Mars Hill	28754
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Weaverville	28787

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1974	Liberty Hill/Ledger	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Steele/John Rhymer
1975	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Frank Ellis/R.M. Cassity
1976	Grassy Creek/S.P. First	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Upton/Dallas Renfro
1977	Berry Chapel/Beaver Creek	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hipps/Bob McCurry
1978	Pine Branch/Bakersville	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hollifield/Lee Ayers
1979	Snow Hill/Roan Mountain	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Gerold Grindstaff
1980	S.P. First/Mine Creek	Maurice Gilliam	M.W. Blanton	Jim Gore/Earl Henry
1981	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Astor Buchanan/Jim Mizell
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/S.P. First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2000 Minutes

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	325	300	9	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	8	0
Bakersville	164	164	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bear Creek	765	630	6	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	23	9
Beaver Creek	266	184	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	555	352	10	0	4	2	2	1	1	0	12	0
Big Crabtree	226	215	8	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Big Rock Creek	40	40	5	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Black Mountain	51	51	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Calvary	142	142	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
Cane Creek	125	125	9	0	4	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Central	249	192	8	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	13	0
Chestnut Grove	47	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Crabtree Chapel	203	203	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0
Fork Mountain	74	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	277	277	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0
Friendship	82	80	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	0
Grassy Creek	562	421	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	0
Ledger	107	107	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	448	372	9	0	3	2	1	2	1	0	3	0
Lily Branch	217	160	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

Little Rock Creek	72	65	6	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	3	0
McKinney Cove	164	132	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	5	6
Mine Creek	160	152	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	9	0
Mount Carmel	274	156	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	12
Pine Branch	568	445	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	8	0
Roan Mountain	199	139	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silver Chapel	175	107	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Snow Hill	237	236	8	0	3	1	0	0	3	1	2	0
Spring Creek	181	152	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	599	420	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	23
Toecane	40	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	77	77	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	68	68	25	0	3	7	2	3	8	2	6	31
White Oak	149	74	8	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7,888	6,382	153	4	37	43	12	20	31	6	181	81

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized
7-Year Pastor Came
8-Location(A-J)
9-AM Wor. Ser. Att.
10-C-Type Miss. Started
11-C-Type Miss. Oper.
12-Lost/Unchurched
13-Assoc. Missions On % Basis
14-Intercessory Prayer

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Altapass	1925	1987	A	240	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bakersville	1869	2002	C	80	0	0	No	No	Yes
Bear Creek	1830	2001	A	345	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2003	A	70	0	0	No	Yes	No
Berry Chapel	1934	1999	C	190	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	A	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Big Rock Creek	1849	1983	A	30	0	0	No	No	No
Black Mountain	1882	-	A	21	0	0	No	Yes	No
Calvary	1949	1991	A	55	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cane Creek	1869	2001	A	65	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Central	1932	2002	C	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chestnut Grove	1923	2000	A	40	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1997	A	63	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2002	A	45	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Freedom	1988	2003	A	115	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	C	49	0	0	Yes	No	Yes

Grassy Creek	1818	2002	F	187	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Ledger	1953		A	50	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	1997	A	125	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Lily Branch	1859	2003	A	68	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1884	1997	A	58	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	2003	A	45	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	A	98	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	C	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mountain View	1932		A	10	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Pine Branch	1921	2000	D	225	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	A	72	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885		A	52	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Snow Hill	1915	1989	A	51	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	A	120	0	0	No	No	No
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	C	215	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	A	28	0	0	No	No	No
Vision Missionary	1998	1998	A	57	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Western Carolina	2000	2000	C	75	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
White Oak	1884	2000	A	46	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Assoc. Totals				3,215	0	0			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-Gen. Officers 16-Avg. SS Att 18 - VBS
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-up) 15i-Other Bible Study 17 - SS Not Members

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
Altapass	194	34	32	22	8	17	12	46	2	0	111	10	170
Bakersville	60	3	5	5	4	6	11	10	2	0	41	0	0
Bear Creek	276	40	35	19	5	31	30	88	10	0	185	0	158
Beaver Creek	48	3	4	5	4	2	3	14	1	0	38	0	29
Berry Chapel	139	12	22	10	10	10	15	15	5	0	124	9	212
Big Crabtree	86	12	13	6	13	16	15	7	0	0	80	12	95
Big Rock Creek	38	4	8	4	2	5	10	4	0	0	38	0	30
Black Mountain	11	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	11	0	0
Calvary	55	4	5	3	2	9	10	7	0	0	55	0	0
Cane Creek	65	6	7	8	7	8	10	10	0	0	65	5	70
Central	96	2	9	9	6	4	31	10	4	0	48	10	45
Chestnut Grove	40	1	3	2	3	0	6	0	5	0	28	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	89	7	9	5	4	15	25	10	4	0	63	12	87
Fork Mountain	20	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	20	0	0
Freedom	138	8	9	12	13	24	25	25	4	0	71	7	49
Friendship	43	3	2	2	1	4	5	9	4	0	35	4	27
Grassy Creek	302	11	15	23	8	38	14	37	23	122	148	62	84
Ledger	42	5	5	1	0	8	5	12	0	0	36	13	0
Liberty Hill	157	15	7	13	17	18	9	25	33	0	103	0	75
Lily Branch	77	4	17	6	3	5	13	11	2	0	50	3	51

Little Rock Creek	60	6	4	4	0	13	11	6	0	0	52	20	56
McKinney Cove	58	8	9	4	0	6	6	12	2	0	45	6	78
Mine Creek	156	16	10	30	12	14	15	35	11	1	98	6	30
Mount Carmel	84	10	15	3	2	13	0	37	4	0	50	0	86
Mountain View	11	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	10	5	0
Pine Branch	166	12	15	15	8	27	32	25	7	0	140	0	125
Roan Mountain	78	5	7	12	5	10	7	7	0	0	42	0	35
Silver Chapel	82	4	5	6	6	10	12	15	4	0	52	0	30
Snow Hill	76	8	4	4	8	10	22	5	10	0	66	0	100
Spring Creek	140	23	8	12	10	24	24	16	8	0	100	11	65
Spruce Pine, First	260	21	19	30	15	17	28	68	7	23	165	21	106
Toecane	13	3	3	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	26	0	0
Vision	132	10	19	7	0	6	0	14	2	0	78	0	51
Western Carolina	126	10	20	15	6	23	15	2	4	27	75	20	100
White Oak	46	3	3	4	9	0	14	10	3	0	35	0	75
Assoc. Totals	3464	317	352	307	194	400	441	603	162	173	2384	236	2119

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Altapass	25	0	0	2	20	3	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	74	6	6	15	45	2	15	0	0	0	15
Berry Chapel	88	12	30	35	0	11	36	14	6	6	10
Big Crabtree	25	3	5	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	37	5	2	3	25	2	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	20	8	8	0	0	4	35	0	0	0	35
Little Rock Creek	20	0	1	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	3	0
Snow Hill	27	3	3	4	15	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	71	0	12	15	39	5	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	65	5	4	8	43	5	24	0	0	0	24
Assoc. Totals	452	42	71	92	212	35	117	14	10	9	84

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 23f-WMU Missions 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 25-Miss.Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up)

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	24	24a	24b	24c	25
Altapass	58	15	1	14	12	4	12	10	6	2	1	0
Bear Creek	62	20	6	10	20	6	0	38	4	4	30	0
Beaver Creek	12	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	18	0	0	0	16	2	0	15	0	0	15	0
Central	33	0	5	6	12	2	8	22	5	4	12	0
Crabtree Chapel	9	0	0	0	8	1	0	13	2	0	11	0
Freedom	17	0	0	0	14	2	1	10	0	0	10	2
Friendship	7	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	30	0	0	0	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	11	0	0	11	0
Lily Branch	10	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
McKinney Cove	12	0	4	0	4	4	0	8	6	0	2	0
Mine Creek	73	1	3	5	40	4	20	15	0	7	3	0
Mount Carmel	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	8	0	0	8	0
Pine Branch	72	7	15	18	32	0	0	27	15	5	7	0
Roan Mountain	22	0	6	3	10	3	0	10	0	0	10	0
Snow Hill	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	5	0	0	5	0
Spruce Pine, First	67	6	7	15	35	4	0	56	4	7	45	0
White Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	0
Assoc. Totals	542	49	47	71	297	37	41	266	42	29	188	2

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Altapass	$ 198,037	12,465	0	9,180	5,846	0	2,868	3,652	8,921	10,355
Bakersville	87,300	2,832	10,319	3,377	500	1,047	915	1,724	0	0
Bear Creek	366,149	78,850	0	24,000	4,800	3,000	3,500	21,112	11,962	89,582
Beaver Creek	50,852	5,281	0	2,753	2,164	3,821	1,417	1,866	0	398
Berry Chapel	168,703	11,889	4,533	10,930	4,684	81	204	867	521	9,480
Big Crabtree	36,859	6,555	0	0	1,362	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	11,940	0	0	416	597	483	131	164	0	1,800
Calvary	-	-	-	-	692	0	0	500	0	0
Cane Creek	34,567	7,025	0	1,485	900	0	502	818	0	0
Central	94,626	13,544	4,993	10,660	2,132	25	1,386	2,396	811	2,568
Chestnut Grove	38,224	0	0	0	0	0	0	967	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	73,917	6,935	0	3,124	2,500	0	585	333	736	4,501
Fork Mountain	11,258	205	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	116,187	27,346	0	1,906	3,407	4,198	1,657	2,643	7,583	16,159
Friendship	31,844	1,554	890	0	600	0	0	0	0	150

Grassy Creek	227,426	56,499	0	12,000	3,200	645	5,176	6,099	2,451	12,845
Ledger	53,134	7,441	0	1,200	1,500	0	1,885	1,696	0	0
Liberty Hill	102,068	3,418	0	2,400	2,100	584	906	2,610	380	775
Lily Branch	101,895	22,327	0	10,244	4,585	4,557	4,378	7,372	11,040	12,812
Little Rock Creek	57,936	8,315	0	0	2,496	1,097	1,212	3,306	8,834	4,310
McKinney Cove	67,057	4,560	600	2,500	2,400	1,071	1,200	1,676	812	4,005
Mine Creek	52,500	0	0	0	1,006	432	250	412	0	3,227
Mount Carmel	67,619	6,632	563	3,423	757	3,026	528	1,281	2,270	2,628
Mountain View	6,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	100
Pine Branch	212,624	34,675	4,470	21,262	4,252	741	1,102	10,000	1,240	11,512
Roan Mountain	8,500	30,000	0	8,100	3,000	0	1,495	3,500	0	0
Silver Chapel	51,180	6,342	13,218	1,200	2,268	0	1,498	3,500	10,000	13,344
Snow Hill	60,661	11,075	0	5,062	1,812	525	565	950	0	0
Spring Creek	74,864	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	0	9,304
Spruce Pine, First	314,000	40,980	19,970	23,000	500	2,064	803	1,062	3,000	34,000
Toecane	2,465	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	51,138	15,017	0	1,912	653	0	205	284	400	0
Western Carolina	71,000	12,000	13,400	200	550	0	0	0	3,400	200
White Oak	44,546	0	0	0	468	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	$2,947,076	436,762	72,956	160,334	62,681	27,397	34,368	80,915	74,361	244,055

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Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
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COMMITTEES FOR THE 2004-2005 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Jeannie Stronach
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Matthew Mills, Chairman
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Rev. Greg Hollifield
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Rev. Nathan Silver

Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Howard Buchanan, Chairman
Rev. Jack Michaels

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Jack Michaels
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Joe Biddix

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Max Holland
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Steve Williams
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Jim Sutton
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Monroe Bridges
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Morris Stamey
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Chris Renfro

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Denny Buchanan
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Gordon Lovejoy
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Bob McKinney

Central

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Jerry Gouge
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Peggy Howell
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Matthew Grindstaff

South

Term Expiring 2005 ..... Rev. Fred Proctor
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Ann Stewart
Term Expiring 2007 .....

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS ..... Donnie Vickers
64 West Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK ..... Ronnie Burleson
158 Duncan Dr., Bakersville
BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine
CENTRAL ..... Jerry Hodge
273 North Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK ..... Fred Burleson
146 Kaywilla Lane, Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL ..... Max Cabe
125 Cliff Buchanan, Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH ..... Buddy Murdock
3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK ..... Tommie L. Edwards
184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL ..... Avery Buchanan
96 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
VISION MISSIONARY ..... Michael Garrison
146 Kelly Hunter Rd., Mars Hill
WHITE OAK ..... Steve Carpenter
1043 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
WESTERN CAROLINA ..... Chris Renfro
190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine

SERMONS FOR 2005 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Don Stafford
Tuesday ..... Rev. Steve Williams
Alternate ..... Rev. Bob McCurry

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

LEDGER ..... David Harding
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VISION MISSIONARY ..... Nathan Franklin
1091 Kelly Hunter Rd., Marshall

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Rev. Fred Proctor- Chairman, Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Rev. Steve Stronach

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Steve Sisk-Chairman, Rev. Max Holland, Rev. Matthew Grindstaff

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff - Chairman, Rev. Mark McKinney, Richard Haney

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Dallas Renfro-Chairman, Rev. Matthew Mills, Rev. B.G. McMahan

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Carol Sisk, Iris Burleson, Augusta Gross, Sondra Stewart, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Leann Ross, Rick Ross, Billy Matthews, Lois Matthews, Decima McKinney, Dale Blevins
BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, Elizabeth Woody, Frank Woody, Gil Conner, Pearl Conner, Irene Sparks, Marie Jarrett, Leonard Wiggins, Shirley Wiggins, Kathleen Buchanan, Rev. Howard Buchanan
BEAVER CREEK: Phillip Henline, Mary Henline, Mona Carpenter, Beulah Burleson, Beverly Murphy, Bruce Murphy
BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer, Lou Jenkins, Betty Biddix, Josh Dellinger, Lenise Ramsey, Pat Silver, Buddy Silver, Elaine Lowery
BIG CRABTREE: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Dora Willis, Claude Willis
BIG ROCK CREEK: Sam Garland, Phyllis Garland, Tony Honeycutt, Angela Honeycutt
CALVARY: Rev. Don Stafford, Mary Stafford, Janice Campbell, Helen Beaver, Parnell Buchanan, Emma Lee Buchanan, Claude Gouge, Sue Gouge
CANE CREEK: Rev. John Stafford, Doris Ledford, Patsy Stamey
CENTRAL: Rev. Jim Sutton, Monroe Bridges, Jerry Hodge, Peggy Hodge, Shirley Traynham, Donnie Traynham, Tim Grindstaff
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Rev. Fred Proctor, Kaye Proctor, Charles Allen, Barbara Allen, Ted Sparks, Richard McKinney
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Max Holland
FREEDOM: Rev. Todd Ayers, Gladys Burleson, Charles McClellan, Elizabeth McClellan, Ola Mae Freeman, Naomi Dellinger
FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney, Marjorie Hilemon, Fred Hilemon

GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matthew Mills, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson, Dorothy McKinney, Harry Wolf
LIBERTY HILL: Eddie Williams, Martha Williams, Marie Sparks, Edith Hinkle, Elsie McKinney, Martha Huskins
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock, Dorothy Grindstaff, Mary Lou Willis, Kathleen Hall
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Bea Renfro, Donald Albers, Tommie Lee Edwards, Rosa Lee Edwards
McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Russell McKinney, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers, Allen Baker
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Jean McCourry, Leigh Honeycutt, Janice Hensley, Fleet Hensley, Judy Roberts
MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Nathan Silver, Wayne Graham, Patsy Graham, Avery Buchanan, Richard Haney, Burl Pitman, Angela Woody, Dennis Woody, Joe Freeman, Toby Crowder
PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Quentin Buchanan, David Wilcox, Lee Sparks, Andy Willis, Jeff Edwards
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney, David Dale, Jean Dale, Douglas Dellinger
SILVER CHAPEL: Rev. B.G. McMahan, Mildred McMahan, Sherwin Buchanan, Elberta Buchanan, Mozell Howell, Fred Louis Howell, Doris Hughes, Jim Hughes
SNOW HILL: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Morris Burleson, Judy Burleson, Wes Brewer
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Charles Wilson, Jack Hancox, Jean Warren
TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson, Betty J. Grindstaff, Joe Grindstaff, Lloyd Laws
WESTERN CAROLINA: Rev. Chris Renfro
WHITE OAK: Rev. Jack Michaels, Melvin McNeill, Marcia McNeill

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State

Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held

provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.

2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.

3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.

4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.

5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.

2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.

3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

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156th Annual Session
Mitchell Baptist Association

Berry Chapel Baptist Church, Spruce Pine
Monday, August 23, 2004 3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: "Telling The Story"

3:30 Call to Order ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator
Pastor, Little Rock Creek

Hymn #586 ..... "We've A Story to Tell"
Led by David Thayer, Music Director, First Baptist, Spruce Pine

Welcome ..... Rev. Greg Hollifield, Pastor
Berry Chapel

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Matthew Mills, Pastor
Grassy Creek

Committee Report: Order of Business .. Rev. Fred Proctor, Pastor
Crabtree Chapel

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

3:45 Director of Missions Report ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine

4:00 Recognitions, Announcements, Committee Appointments, Welcome New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

4:30 Hymn #579 ..... "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

4:35 Hispanic Ministry ..... Rev. Charles Alonso, Pastor
Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Mission

4:50 Special Music ..... Hispanic Quartet

5:00 Challenge Message ..... Rev. Fred Lunsford
Retired Director of Missions, Truett Association

5:30 Benediction and Blessing on meal

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator

Hymn #572 ..... "I Love To Tell The Story"

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Max Holland, Pastor
Fork Mountain

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:10 Christian Action League ..... Rev. Mark Creech
Executive Director, Raleigh, NC

7:25 State Missions ..... Eddie Williams
Associational Baptist Men's/Disaster Relief Director

7:35 Baptist Retirement Homes ..... Rev. Gayle Brown
Area Representative, Western NC

7:40 Hymn #573 ..... "Set My Soul Afire"

7:45 Mission Message Jack McCormick and Sharon Fields McCormick
Mission Service Corps, War, WV

8:15 Hymn #544 ..... "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

8:20 Special Music ..... Big Rock Creek Youth Choir

8:30 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Jack Michaels, Pastor
White Oak

9:00 Benediction

McKinney Cove Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 24, 2004 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator

Hymn #319 ..... "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus"

Welcome ..... Rev. Russell McKinney, Pastor
McKinney Cove

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Todd Ayers, Pastor
Freedom

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:15 Special Music ..... Pastors' Choir

7:30 Prison Ministry ..... Rev. Russel Hoilman, Chaplain

7:45 Simms Fork Ministry ..... Rev. Jason Ramsey, Pastor
Simms Fork Baptist Church

8:00 Hymn #321 ..... "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"

8:05 Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

8:15 Special Music ..... Velma Sturgill, Member
McKinney Cove Baptist Church

8:25 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. John Stafford, Pastor
Cane Creek

9:00 Benediction

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Berry Chapel Baptist Church
August 23, 2004 3:30 P.M.

1. The 156th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 23, 2004, 3:30 P.M., at Berry Chapel Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Dallas Renfro. The theme for this year's sessions was "Telling The Story."

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell." which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer.

3. Rev. Greg Hollifield, pastor of Berry Chapel Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors.

4. Rev. Matt Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, read scripture from Psalm 11:1-7 and led in the opening prayer.

5. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev. Fred Proctor, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. He made the motion to accept the program for the 2004 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-seven churches were represented. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out at this time.

7. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He read from Matthew 14:22-29 and gave information on the past year's ministries. He presented a five-year plan which included his retirement. He wants to have a Soul-Winning Training; work with Sunday School Directors to increase attendance; have a new preacher orientation; work with Evangelism Committee to double baptisms; and challenged the Budget and Finance Committee to support a full-time director after his retirement. He made the recommendation to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

8. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.

– Lester Evans, Western Area Missionary was introduced; David Webb, Baptist Foundation representative was introduced and Lewis Smith , Baptist Children's Homes representative was introduced.

– Announcements included the Ryan Dobson Youth Crusade to be held at Pinebridge on October 9, 2004 and the Fork Mountain Fellowship Meeting at the end of August.

– Rev. Dallas Renfro, called attention to the Committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.

– Our new pastors were recognized: Rev. Shane Buchanan - Ledger; Rev. Mark McKinney - Roan Mountain; and Rev. Russell McKinney - McKinney Cove.

9. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at the end of the year is $9,303.26. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

10. The Proposed Budget for 2004-2005 was presented by Rev. Matthew Grindstaff. The total for the coming year is $65,157.00. With no questions, the Budget for the coming year was seconded and approved.

11. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

12. In miscellaneous business, our Director of Missions read a letter from Rev. Charles Alonso and the members of the Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Mission, requesting membership into our association. A recommendation was made to keep them under the watch-care of the association for one year and then allow them to be part of our association. The recommendation was seconded and approved.

13. The congregation was led in the hymn, "Shine, Jesus, Shine."

14. Rev. Charles Alonso presented a report on our local Hispanic Ministry. He stated that they were back to "square-one" in looking for property for their church location. Prayer was requested for finding property.

15. Special Music was provided by the Hispanic Quartet.

16. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. Fred Lunsford, who is a retired Director of Missions form the Truett Association and is currently a pastor. He spoke on "The Challenge of the Journey," and read scripture from Mark 16:15 and Matthew 4:17-19. He stated that the destiny of mankind depends on us.

17. Our benediction and blessing on the evening meal was given by Rev. Greg Hollifield.

Break for evening meal.

18. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator.

19. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story."

20. Rev. Max Holland, pastor of Fork Mountain Baptist Church, read scripture from Romans 12:1-3 and led in prayer.

21. A second roll call of the churches was given with one more church represented, totaling 28. Registration cards were once again handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

22. A report was given on the Christian Action League by Rev. Mark Creech, Executive Director from Raleigh. He informed us of many things going on in the state legislature, especially the need for a state amendment for marriage to be between one man and one woman.

23. Rev. Fred Proctor made a request to receive an offering for the Christian Action League. Since one offering had already been planned, it was agreed to take the offering the following night.

24. Eddie Williams, our associational Baptist Men's/Disaster Relief Coordinator gave information on his work and State Missions.. He told of the work done in Florida following Hurricane Charley. He also reminded the messengers of the State Missions Offering in September and how it helps the Baptist Men and WMU work in the state.

25. Rev. Gayle Brown, Western Area Representative, gave a report on the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. The closest home to us in located in Asheville. We have five homes across the state. The special offering for Baptist Retirement Homes will be in February.

26. A special love offering was taken for Sidney Williams, granddaughter of Eddie and Martha Williams. She is waiting for a bone marrow transplant. A total of $643.00 was taken.

27. The congregation sang the hymn, "Set My Soul Afire."

28. Our missionary guests were Jack McCormick and Sharon Fields-McCormick. They work as volunteers with the Mission Service Corps in War, West Virginia, where 52% of the people are below poverty level.

29. The congregation sang the hymn, "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It."

30. Special music was provided by Big Rock Creek Youth Choir. They were enjoyed by all.

31. Rev. Jack Michaels, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, preached the evening message. His scripture was taken from II Corinthians 1:3-10. He spoke to us about being "On The Winning Side."

32. The benediction was given by Rev. Steve Williams, pastor of Pine Branch Baptist Church.

McKinney Cove Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 24, 2004 7:00 P.M.

33. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

34. The congregation sang the hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

35. Rev. Russell McKinney, pastor of McKinney Cove, gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors to McKinney Cove Baptist Church.

36. An announcement was made that the offering for the Christian Action League would be taken during the next congregational hymn.

37. Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church (in the absence of Todd Ayers) read scripture from Psalm 18:12 and led in the opening prayer.

38. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-seven churches were represented at the second night's session.

39. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir. A Pastors' Quartet also sang.

40. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given by Rev. Russel Hoilman. He stated that 162 men had been saved in the past twelve months. He requested prayer for this ministry as God continues to bless.

41. A report was given by Rev. Jason Ramsey, pastor of the Simms Fork Baptist Church in Yancey County. He read scripture from Matthew 28:18 and Acts 17:8. He reported on the progress of this church and the growth it had seen so far.

42. The congregation sang, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." The offering for The Christian Action League was taken at this time. The offering totaled $521.00.

43. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.
– Rev. Lewis Smith from the Baptist Children's Homes was recognized.
– Registration Cards were taken up.
– A Benefit Singing was scheduled for the 5th Sunday Night at Mine Creek Baptist Church.

44. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Daniel Whetstine in the absence of the chairman, Rev. Steve Sisk.. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. A motion was made for the adoption of this report and the motion was seconded and approved.

45. Rev. Dallas Renfro, made comments on a letter he had received from the hospital for a meeting to be held at the Chalet. He voiced his disappointment in this location (because of drinks served) and has asked the director to write a letter from the association.

46. It was stated that Bibles (or money for Bibles) were needed for the Prison Ministry.

47. The election of officers began with nominations for Moderator. Rev. Bob McKinney nominated Rev. Dallas Renfro for a second term as Moderator. A motion was made for the nominations to cease and it was seconded and approved. Rev. Gerold Grindstaff nominated Rev. Max Holland, pastor of Fork Mountain Baptist Church, as Vice-Moderator. The nomination was seconded and approved.

48. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2005 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Altapass Baptist Church in Spruce Pine and the second night at Calvary Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Don Stafford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. Steve Williams, pastor of Pine Branch Baptist Church. The alternate will be Rev. Bob McCurry, pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church. The dates will be August 29th and 30th.

49. Miscellaneous business included:
– The Resolutions Committee thanked the two host churches, Berry Chapel Baptist Church and Silver Chapel Baptist Church, for their hospitality, and offered a special "thank you" to Berry Chapel for the delicious meal on Monday afternoon. A motion was made for the adoption of this resolution and it was

seconded and approved.

50. Special music was provided by Velma Sturgill. She sang "Holy Ground," which set the tone for the annual sermon.

51. The Annual Sermon was given by Rev. John Stafford, pastor of Cane Creek Baptist Church. His scripture was taken from Luke 5:1-9. He spoke on "We Haven't Done Enough." He stated that soul-winning is the responsibility of every believer.

52. Bill Matthews gave a special "thank you" from the Gideons for the support of the churches.

53. The benediction was given in song and the meeting was adjourned for another year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 20, 2003

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 20, 2003, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. After several prayer requests, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, led in the opening prayer. The following churches were represented - an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: *Bear Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, *Grassy Creek, Liberty Hill, *Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, *Mount Carmel, *Pine Branch, Spruce Pine, First, and White Oak. A total of nineteen people were in attendance.

A financial statement was given by the secretary/clerk, stating that the available balance in the treasury was $6,053.50. With designated offerings the total amount in the treasury is $26,530.76.

The Prison Ministry was discussed and it was stated that Russel Hoilman still needed volunteers to help prepare meals and programs for the Christmas season.

Our Moderator stated that Rev. Erby McKinney had passed away and that his family had no insurance or supplemental income. Rev. Renfro suggested that we send a letter to churches asking for a love offering to be taken and sent to this family to help with the medical bills.

Martha Williams, WMU Director, gave a report on the World Day of Prayer held on November 3. An offering was taken at this meeting for the Hispanic Ministry and $478.00 was collected. A baby shower was given for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Burnsville and many gifts were brought. Martha also reported on an Associational Leadership Prayer Team that was meeting on the

third Thursday of each month at the associational office, 7:00 p.m. They pray for the needs and leaders in our association. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Eddie Williams, Baptist Men's Director, reported that approximately 1,000 jobs were still to be completed on the coast from Hurricane Isabel. Groups are welcome to go and help with the recovery.

Eddie also reported on our Christmas mission project – delivering shoe boxes and food boxes to St. Charles Elementary School on December 16th. For all who are participating in this project, the boxes are due at the associational office by Friday, December 12th.

He also called attention to the Baptist Men's Regional Conference at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, in January, and that Baptist Men's Day in the churches is the last Sunday in January.

The Hispanic Ministry was discussed and it was stated that $22,000 had been given
so far for the purchase of land which will be used for the location of their church.

Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave information on the upcoming mid-winter Youth Conference to be held on January 31st, with Cody Deese as guest evangelist. The tentative location is Bear Creek Baptist Church.

The pastor of Grassy Creek, Rev. Matthew Mills, invited everyone to the presentation of their "Singing Christmas Tree," to be held December 12-14. Tickets are needed to attend, but there is no cost for the tickets.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Chris Rathbone. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held February 19, 2004.

February 19, 2004

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 19, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. Daniel Whetstine opened the meeting with prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Central, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, *Ledger, Liberty Hill Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, Spruce Pine, First, and White Oak. Fifteen people were present.

The November minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. She showed that we had a balance in the treasury of $24,314.76. This breaks down to show $7,330.02 in our General Fund Balance and $18,343.10 in our Hispanic Fund.

Our Moderator stated that $400 had been given for Bibles for the Prison Ministry and that this amount would be matched out of the Prison Ministry's treasury. He thanked the churches that still support this important ministry.

A WMU report was given by Martha Williams. She gave information on the

Christmas project which included the collection of 134 food boxes and 270 shoe boxes for the St. Charles Elementary School in West Virginia and for local children. A spring project is being planned to do Easter baskets. Mrs. Williams gave a reminder of the Prayer Meeting at the associational office each third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. If that date falls on the night of the Executive Committee Meeting, the Prayer Meeting is at 6:15 p.m.

A Baptist Men's report was given by Eddie Williams. He gave information on the following:

☞ Construction work is still going on at SafePlace. Continue to remember this ministry in prayer.

☞ A Food Bank for the county is being looked into. Several food boxes are still available at the associational office.

☞ Help is still needed on the coast, repairing damage from Hurricane Isabel. Some homes were already infested with termites and could not be repaired. The State Convention is still helping with this project.

☞ A Training Session for volunteers with Disaster Relief will be held in Shelby on June 25 and 26.

☞ Summer projects are being planned. Groups are coming in for the summer that can help the elderly and handicapped make repairs around their homes.

☞ Any community interested in a Back Yard Bible Club or Vacation Bible School should contact Eddie and let him know.

Our Director of Missions, Daniel Whetstine gave the following information:

☞ Harvey Sharpe, Director of Missions for Yancey Association is on the Board of Directors for the new program MyMed which is helping local people without medical insurance. This organization needs an office space and is asking for help in finding this.

☞The Mid-Winter Youth Crusade was attended by approximately 160 people. Five young people were saved.

☞ A youth event is being planned in October at Pinebridge with Ryan Dobson (Dr. James Dobson's son) as guest speaker. This will be publicized in the surrounding counties.

☞The "On Mission Celebration" plans are still underway. This will be held August 6-8. Fourteen churches have signed up to be involved. Letters were sent to the churches explaining the expenses for the missionaries.

☞We are looking for someone to do "After Church in the Park" during the summer months. This is a time for the youth in our churches to meet after church on Sunday nights and enjoy a time of inspiration and fellowship.

☞ On April 29th, Johnny Ross and a representative from the Annuity Board in Dallas, Texas will meet with our pastors and wives, chairman of deacons and spouses at the Steak House, 6:30 p.m. He also wants to meet with the church secretaries for lunch.

☞ A Steering Committee is in the process of being formed for the Hispanic Ministry to coordinate the fund-raising efforts and to help in the site selection

for a new Hispanic church.

☞ Our Director of Missions is looking into a partnership with the Mississippi River Ministry, which is headquartered in North Arkansas. A trip will be made in March for more information.

Richard McKinney gave information on Sunday School. He suggested that the churches set goals for attendance. He showed charts that he uses in his church to show contacts made. He stated that he would like to start High Attendance Day again.

With no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer, led by Rev. Jim Sutton.

May 27, 2004

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 27, 2004, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, called the meeting to order. Rev. Bob McKinney led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, Lily Branch and White Oak. Eight people were present.

The clerk read the minutes from the February, 2004, meeting. Sondra Stewart, treasurer, gave the financial report. As of April 30th, we have a working balance of $7,632.30 with a bank balance of $31,947.06 (of which $24,314.76 is designated.)

Our Director stated that a Hispanic Committee had met to form a Board of Directors. A treasurer has been elected and the designated money for the Hispanic Ministry will be soon be moved into its own account. A location for their church building is still being looked into.

Old business: A volunteer is still needed to coordinate the meetings for "After Church in the Park" for youth.

Bob McKinney stated that we needed to continue the fight on drugs by turning in anyone that we know that might be involved in drug dealings.

New business: Our Sunday School director, Richard McKinney set the date of Sunday, July 25th, for High Attendance Day in Sunday School for the churches in our association. Calls will be made to attain this information from each church.

Our Director presented a new ministry to be under the umbrella of the association. Morris Stamey has a campground ministry, and after trying to get through a lot of paper work on his own, a steering committee has been formed. A recommendation was made that this ministry come under the association and would abide by the guidelines of the association and state convention and be protected under our tax laws. This ministry is at Secluded Valley Campground. A motion was made to accept this recommendation and it was seconded and

approved.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Richard McKinney.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

BIBLICAL RECORDER

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BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2003, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 23 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $633,000 and received $2.7 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $2.0 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $5.3 million in contributions during 2003 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools

are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31,2003, the Foundation held $112.9 million under management.

During 2003, our distributions totaled $5.7 million, with, charity receiving $3.8 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $1.9 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $25 million has been distributed to individuals and $44.1 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $69.1 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors

M. Clay Wart, Executive Director

ANNUITY BOARD

After a tumultuous three year period resulting in a dramatic economic downturn which adversely affected retirement accounts of millions of Americans a dramatic rebound occurred during the last year. As a result, the asset base of the Annuity Board gained over 1 billion dollars in one year for the first time since the Annuity Board was established in 1918 to serve ministers and employees of Southern Baptist churches. Concurrently, many participant retirement accounts recouped much of the funds which evaporated during the downturn. The downturn presented a serious challenge to our office in assisting participants with meaningful educational materials and resources to make wise investment decisions.

Secondly, the ongoing national health care crisis continues to present serious challenges to our churches who strive to be responsible employers by providing adequate medical insurance in a rapidly escalating cost environment. To assist in this effort, the Annuity Board responded this year by offering new medical insurance plans. These new plans offer more flexibility with varying levels of deductibles and monthly rates. Along with the new plans, the Board emphasized a three-step approach to address the rising cost of health care. First, the Annuity Board is aggressively managing costs and continuing to create plans that provide more options for participants. Second, participants are encouraged to develop healthy habits related to eating and exercise. And, third, churches need to take the initiative, if at all possible, to provide medical coverage as a benefit for their ministers and staff rather than as a part of the salary package. Those church employees who live within the constraints of an antiquated "pay package" approach have seen a dramatic decline in disposable income if they have tried to maintain adequate medical insurance for themselves and their

families.

Thirdly, as a result of actions taken by messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, the Annuity Board gained permission to serve evangelical ministry organizations outside the SBC and to change the official name of the Annuity Board to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. The name change will become official with an affirmative vote at next year's annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Fourthly, the Endowment ministry of the Annuity Board continued its work to make Southern Baptists aware of the tragic plight of retired ministers and their widows who were unable to plan adequately for retirement. Individuals and churches responded with open hearts and open hands as they helped to underwrite the financial assistance given to those who are in desperate need. More than 3,000 persons in our convention presently receive financial assistance with 335 residing in North Carolina.

As of May 31,2004, North Carolina participants in the retirement plan moved above 5,200 in 2,332 (61 %) of our churches. Our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny E. Ross, Senior Consultant, Annuity

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Above and beyond - these words best describe what North Carolina Baptists did last year!... Churches around the state came mightily to the aid of Baptist Children's Homes in 2003-04 as their beloved institution faced one of its most critical financial times. Prayers, money, and gifts of food, towels, sheets, school supplies, and clothes flooded in. These showers of blessings softened the blow of a nearly four million-dollar budget cut. *Thank you.*

History was made as churches from all 80 Baptist Associations gave food to BCH's first-ever statewide food roundup. Nearly 500,000 pounds of food were collected filling every available space on our campuses. Directors of Missions graciously opened their offices as collection points for the food. Churches delivered food filling their offices, halls and storage rooms. Trucking companies

picked up the food from the Association offices and delivered this great expression of your love and concern. *Thank you.* (The next Food Roundup is slated for April 2005.)

Last year, nearly 2000 videos of *Jennifer's Story* were distributed to churches. The video told how North Carolina Baptists made a difference in the life of Jennifer Shore. Jennifer found hope and healing at Baptist Children's Homes. As an adult she and her husband returned to become child care workers. More than 600 churches invited BCH representatives to share how the lives of children, children like Jennifer, are being changed every day. United together, North Carolina Baptists not only met the 2003 Thanksgiving Offering goal, but exceeded it! *Thank you.*

Baptist Children's Homes is at the center of North Carolina Baptists' hearts. Their actions prove it! Jesus challenged us all when he said, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Our children and staff, the people in your communities, and the citizens of North Carolina saw Jesus in action and our Heavenly Father was glorified! *Thank you.*

Blackwell marks 20th year as president...On July 1, 1983, Michael C. Blackwell became president of BCH. Trustees honored his twenty years of ministry during their September 2003 board meeting with "A Celebration of Ministry."

*BCH begins strategic planning process...*BCH president Michael C. Blackwell initiated an agency year-long strategic planning effort. Blackwell says this is the most comprehensive effort since he became president. All areas of the agency are involved in the development of the plan. Recommendations will be presented to the Trustees at their September meeting. The plan will debut in January 2005.

Shine your light!... Inspired by North Carolina Baptists, this year's Thanksgiving Offering theme is "Shine your light." Although blessings flowed freely in 2003 helping to avert more difficult hardships, our need remains great. Children and families continue to pour out their hurt on our doorsteps. Alone and suffering, children need to know that in their journey of darkness there is a light shining, guiding them to a better day. You help keep the light on and shining bright as we, day-to-day, offer help in Jesus' name. Our statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal this year is $1,300,000. This represents a $75,000 increase over last year's offering goal. An increase demanded by necessity. Challenge your church to participate in the 2004 Thanksgiving Offering. *Our success depends on you.*

BCH...Focused on the Future... Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every

effort. BCH holds true to its mission of *"helping hurting children... healing broken families."*

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. *Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.*

Michael C. Blackwell, President Abe Elmore, Board of Trustees Chair

BIBLE DRILLS

Isaiah 4:13, "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. There is no peace apart from God."

We are failing our children when we are not teaching them about the Word of God. All churches (no matter how big or small) should make Bible Drill their main priority for children and youth.

God's Word gives you peace even in the middle of turmoil. I know, I have been there. I thank God for all those verses I learned as a leader.

As God says, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Romans 12:1.

I beseech you (beg you) churches to present the Word of God to your children this year through Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. Having peace in your life, no matter what is going on, is such a treasure. I challenge parents and leaders to take Bible Drill more seriously and encourage children to participate this year. I have challenged many parents to let their children participate and I get the response, "they are just too busy." I pray that I would never be too busy to do something for my Lord after all he has done for me. I realize that Bible Drill may not be for every child, but I also realize that every child could benefit from it. And what does it matter what I think anyway? It is what God commands – Deuteronomy 7-9.

I want to thank all churches and leaders who participated this year, for all their hard work and dedication. I want to especially thank all those beautiful children and youth who chose the right thing to do – participate. God will bless you for your hard work and faithfulness to His Word. Deuteronomy 5:29 says, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!"

Here is a list of the churches and children and youth who participated this year. May God bless you all in a special way.

An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth

graders).
Altapass: *Nick McPeters, Dalton Hughes
Bear Creek: Amber Ellis Anna Jarrett
Berry Chapel: Whitney Maynor, *Randy Ramsey, Jr.
Cane Creek: Jerri Snyder, Colton Buchanan, Levi Morgan, Deanna Bell
Chestnut Grove: Cain Stafford
Ledger: Cody Metcalf, Kaitlyn Buchanan
Pine Branch: *Cayela Miller, *India Ellis, Destiny Jenkins
Roan Mountain: *Kolby Silver, Maggie Buchanan, Andrew McKinney
Silver Chapel: *Thomas Buchanan, *Bruce Buchanan
Spruce Pine, First: *Victoria Stroup, Emily Garland, Zachery Acuff, Jill Acuff

The following youth participated in the 2004 Associational Youth Bible Drills. An asterisk (*) indicates a three year participant and double asterisks (**) indicates a six year participant. These would all be ninth graders.
Altapass: Ashley McPeters, Will McKinney, Christopher Henline, *Roxanne Hughes, *Amber Henline
Bear Creek: Mallory Pitman, **Stefani Franklin
Berry Chapel: Leigh Maynor
Chestnut Grove: Cassandra Robinson
Crabtree Chapel: Whitney Buchanan
Spruce Pine, First: Hannah Acuff, **Kathryn Canipe, Molly Stroup, *Lauren Wilson

We had two participants in the Speakers' Tournament. This is open to youth in grades 10-12 and only one can advance from the association. Our participants were Jasmine McKinney from Altapass Baptist Church and Charity Buchanan from Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church. They both did an excellent job and it was a privilege to hear both of them. Jasmine McKinney represented our association at a Regional Tournament. The title of her speech was "Never Alone."

We will be presenting a play at Bear Creek Baptist Church on September 19, called, "What Is The Bible." I personally invite all churches to attend. Our goal is to encourage all Christians to take the Bible (God's Holy Word) more seriously and recommit to reading it daily and commune with God. He longs for that relationship with every believer. Oh! – how our lives and children's lives could and would flourish if we stuck with the Word (no wavering) just stood firm.

I am willing to do anything to help churches get this started. I will come to your church, talk to you and explain how it is carried out, I can bring a Bible Drill demonstration team, or bring children and youth to give testimonies of what Bible Drill has meant to them. My telephone number is 688-2407.

We had forty-three participants this year. I would love to see that number doubled next year. It can be done – it has been in the past. We will give God

all the Glory.

I also want to thank you (the association) for letting me to be your Bible Drill leader. It is a joy and a pleasure to serve God in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It has been an honor to be serving as director of Sunday School of the association. We are hoping to have a conference before too long if possible. I hope to see each church represented. We all need the fellowship of each other.

The fellowship at the mission conference (On Missions Celebration) supper was great. Let's keep this up and go forward for Christ.

I would like to encourage each church to get an active visitation plan going. Also, is you don't have a Sunday School attendance award program – consider starting one.

If I can be of any help, call me or the associational office. Let us work to win Mitchell County for the Lord. God bless you all for the work you do.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard McKinney

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

This past year has been one of the busiest and most successful that I can remember for Mitchell Baptist Association. We have seen our Lord work in a mighty way in every area of ministry. One of the things that has really encouraged me has been in the area of participation. We have seen the attendance in all of the events that we sponsored increase dramatically over similar events in the past. Our Senior Adult Rally, Annuity Conference and Youth Crusade are good examples of this. I credit our pastors and their willingness to promote these events in their churches with this increased attendance.

One area of ministry in particular that was given a lot of attention this past year involved our youth. We had a Mid-Winter Youth Rally in January. One hundred and fifty of our young people came and five of them gave their hearts to the Lord that night. Our goal is to make this an annual event. Crosswalk was another event that was scheduled for the youth of our county. This was a week long series of events centered around the "Cross". Under the able leadership of

Amy Ellis and Desta Phillips, we were able to see many youth and children from all over our county giving honor and reverence to the Cross of Christ.

The ministries of our association are many and varied. From counseling with pastors, pastor search committees and church members, to collecting food for the Baptist Children's Homes. From Sunday School Seminars and Bible Drill, to disaster relief. From pulpit supply and revivals, to providing denominational information, and the list goes on. This past year we also participated in two mission trips to War, West Virginia, helped Eddie and Martha Williams provide Easter baskets for underprivileged children and entered into a ministry partnership with Brian Center of Spruce Pine. Without a doubt, the most exciting event that took place this year was our "On Mission Celebration". We had twelve missionaries from all over the world speaking in eleven of our churches for an entire weekend. The results were amazing. A special thanks to Virginia Lovejoy and the rest of the missions team for doing such a wonderful job.

It is an exciting time to be a child of God with all the ministry opportunities that are before us and God does expect us to take advantage of each of these opportunities. Because of people like you, this can be done. You are the association. Because you see the vision and because you have a heart for missions, the ministries of this association can go forward and we can be successful in whatever we attempt. When we combine vision and heart for missions with a desire to be in the perfect will of God, then we can't help but be successful.

Many of you will be called on in the coming year to serve. Please prayerfully consider that call. Thank you for all that you have done this past year. Without you, Mitchell Baptist Association and all its ministries would not be.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

BAPTIST MEN AND WMU

The year 2004 has been a busy and blessed year for our mission groups.

Our association's Christmas mission project for 2003 was a great blessing. We provided shoe boxes and food boxes for St. Charles Elementary School in St. Charles, Virginia, and Charles Alonso's Hispanic Ministry. We had a total of 17 churches participating. We delivered 270 shoe boxes and 134 food boxes. Many were delivered to local people in our communities.

Our association's Easter basket mission project was equally blessed as we delivered baskets to Simms Fork, Charles Alonso's Hispanic Ministry, Head Start, Feldspar Apartments and Beaver Creek Apartments. We had a total of

155 baskets with 16 churches participating. McKinney Cove prepared baskets for St. Charles Elementary School as a project for their church.

Our association continues to support the church building project at Simms Fork Baptist Church in Yancey County. To date the church is completely enclosed but we still have a lot of work to be done.

NC Baptist Men and Women continue their partnerships in Armenia, Cuba, Malaysia, Alaska, Honduras and New York City. Volunteers from our association are continuing to support and serve in these partnerships.

NC Baptist Men's Disaster Relief and Recovery units responded to the largest disaster in the 37-year history of the American Red Cross when hurricane Isabel ravaged the eastern part of our state. Feeding units, chain saw and clean up crews were immediately on the job to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of the devastated counties.

NC Baptist Men's Medical and Dental bus continues to serve the special needs in our area. Each time the bus visits our town they minister to over sixty people in a two-day period of time.

Adult and youth mission groups in our association have been involved in a number of mission projects this past year and we wanted to list just a few of them:

- Mission trips out of state
- Helped renovate a house at SafePlace shelter
- Provided special need items for SafePlace shelter
- Provided meals and financial funds for Mountain View Correctional Prison and the Avery/Mitchell Prison
- Baby showers for the Tri-County Pregnancy Center
- Baby quilts for Spruce Pine Hospital for babies in need of a warm blanket
- Special request items for the NC women's prison Christmas project
- Shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse
- Special projects for our local nursing homes throughout the year
- Financial support has been given to home and foreign missionaries
- Financial support to drill a well for a local lady that has had been without water for months
- Financial support to purchase tables and chairs that were delivered to a Teen Center in War, West Virginia
- School supplies for the students at St. Charles Elementary School for the upcoming school year
- Financial support for the purchase of land for the Charles Alonso Hispanic Ministry
- Relay for Life program
- Youth participated in Deep Impact
- Youth participated in CrossWalk

In addition to all the wonderful mission groups in our churches, God has

richly blessed our association and tri-counties with mission teams that come from all over the Eastern United States through "Mission in the Mountains." Their financial support and labor of love has been a great blessing to our churches and communities. We have been blessed beyond measure working with each mission team.

We have enjoyed working with each one of the churches and thank you for giving to the Lord. Our prayer is that we can be an encouragement to each other as we strive to reach the goal set before us.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddie and Martha Williams, Brotherhood Director and WMU Director

PRISON MINISTRY

This report is to thank you for our support and update you on some of the things that have been happening at Mountain View Prison this year.

For the past year (August 2003 - July 2004), we have had 162 inmates saved. On May 7th I had the privilege to baptize 20 of them with the help of our volunteer Hispanic pastor.

On March 13, we had a "One Day With God" camp where a group of 22 inmates at the prison would spend that day with their children. The camp was to help break the cycle of prisoners' children making bad choices and ending up in prison too. Certain factors enter into the analysis of what makes a criminal: drug abuse, alcohol addiction, poverty, mental illness, and fatherlessness. The night before, the inmates took a four hour seminar, complete with workbooks from the Great Dads ministry. This is a Virginia organization that promotes fatherhood. The speakers said children often feel that they caused a father's absence. They counseled the inmates to tell their children that only Daddy was responsible for what he did. There were a lot of projects and things for the dads and their children to do together and they also got to watch a movie produced by the Billy Graham Association and eat popcorn and drink soft drinks. There were also clowns that performed a pantomime about a lost soul finding redemption. This camp was the dream of Scottie Barnes of Forgiven Ministries who brought it all about. She comes regularly to the camp and many, many men have given their lives to the Lord because of her ministry, not only here but at Blue Ridge Prison Camp. Her ministry came back on April 17 and twenty men came to the Lord that day.

We have also had a week-long revival with Rock of Ages Prison Ministry. Seven men were saved that week.

There have been many one-on-one salvations in my office this year and we have had many saved in my services and in services with our volunteers.

I have been working second shift for the last few months, so if you need to get

in touch with me, you can call my home between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. After 3:00 p.m. please call me at the prison, or leave a message at home with my wife. I am available to come and present the prison ministry to your church or be a fill-in preacher if you need one.

Again, thank for all of your support, it is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Russel W. Hoilman

CHAP, THE LORD'S FOREMAN

He's ten feet tall and bullet proof; without an ounce of alcohol, but the Holy Ghost - He's a preacher and a cowboy, a hired hand on the Lord's ranch; he'll lasso you in- A defender of the herd, the sheep; he'll shoot it to you straight with the Word-

When the wolves are closing in, he'll come riding hard and fast, guns blazing, Bible in hand - He'll round you up when you've drifted away, bring you back to the Fold alive and well - Then pray to the Lord for your strength, that you be renewed and steadfast -

He'll be there when you've been good or bad, through thick and thin, to lend a helping hand - He'll introduce you to the Owner of the ranch, put in a word that you are a good man -

That you've been through some scraps and deserve another chance; he'll do all he can to help you stand -

He'll help you break that horse and mount that stallion, stay in the saddle and ride off a success -

He'll show you the path, then tell you to "hit the trail and don't look back, you're the Lord's man" -

He'll tell you, "You work for the Owner of the ranch" with tears in his eyes as you ride off saying goodbye -

As you ride into the sunset there will be tears in your eyes, thinking about the man they call Chap -

You will know he is more than a preacher and a cowhand; he's the Lord's foreman, "Big Jake's" son -

The biggest of cowboys and the biggest of men and more than that. . . he is your friend -

Always remember the things he told you; remember what he said, "Get out there and round 'em up" -

"Defend the herd and prove your worth", "stay on the narrow way and in the saddle", "round up the strays" -

If we stay straight we'll ride with the "Chap" again someday on the Owner's biggest ranch, but till then-

Head 'em up and move 'em out with lasso in hand and never forget the words or the man known as "Chap".

There's only one more thing left to say to the Lord's foreman. . . "We all love you, Chaplain Hoilman. Thank you."

-Christopher Long
Written Sunday, August 1, 2004

This was given to me Sunday night after church service at the prison by Mr. Long. He had written it that day. He gave his permission to be able to submit it with Russel's annual report to the Baptist Associations. Thanks so much for your support.
-Sonja Gail Hoilman (Chaplain Hoilman's wife)

WILDERNESS HISPANIC BAPTIST MISSION

The Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Church is looking to the Lord for guidance in relocating to Spruce Pine. We are presently meeting on Main Street in Newland, Sundays - 10:30 a .m. and in Spruce Pine on Thursdays at Pinebridge, 7:00 p.m. We have people coming from Plumtree, Burnsville and Marion as well as Newland and Spruce Pine. Our Sunday service averages 45 adults and 20 children.

We have outreach activities and a Biblical Discipleship class.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Alonso (Eph. 2:10)

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

Because of your generosity, Psalm 16 is a fitting scripture for the over 700 older adults who reside at the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina.

Their lot has been made secure –

All of your gifts through the Cooperative Giving Plans of the Baptist State Convention, through the February North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and through direct gifts from the churches are designated to provide care for those who otherwise could not receive care. Many of our Assisted Living care residents and the majority of our Nursing Care residents receive financial assistance from you. Furthermore, our promise to each of our residents is care that will last for as long as they live.

Their boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places –

At the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville...at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem...at the Taylor House in Albemarle...and at Hamilton Baptist Home in northeastern North Carolina, beauty, security, and comfort are found in full measure.

They have a delightful inheritance –

At each of the Homes, the ministry of a Baptist Chaplain lifts the hearts of our residents. The enrichment and recreational opportunities at each Home make for an enjoyable lifestyle. Day after day the high quality of care that is given speaks of the care of a loving Heavenly Father, helping to make life for our aging saints...The Best of Times!

We have a statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons. The Baptist Elder Care Network – 1-800-887-7410.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER (Baptist Hospital)

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, one of the nation's preeminent academic medical centers, is an integrated health care system that operates 1,291 acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care beds, outpatient services, and community health and information centers.

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. Money given to the Mother's Day Offering helps pay all or a portion of the hospital bills of selected patients who have a serious financial need and received care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. The Baptist Benevolent Appropriations Committee, comprised of Baptist ministers and lay persons, administers the fund. Each patient is carefully screened and recommendations are made for assistance. Many beneficiaries have no health insurance. No other resources are available for those being helped. No wonder patients experience your gifts as a gift of God's grace.

Wake Forest Baptist is consistently ranked as one of America's best hospitals by U.S. News and World Report (top 50). As an academic medical center, Wake Forest Baptist brings together the best of patient care, research and education. With internationally recognized faculty who are pushing the frontiers of medicine and a focus on expert training, Wake Forest Baptist offers patients the benefit of the latest medical knowledge and subspecialty care.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our Department of Pastoral

Counseling, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting. Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow His example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve Him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

STATE MISSIONS

Christ began with the people closest to Him...12 men who were the first to hear the Good News. But soon they were traveling to nearby towns and villages sharing the Gospel. Then, in Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His followers to "be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Missions begins right here at home and extends to the most remote places in the world.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina serves as a home base for the mission efforts of Baptists in our state. We are directly involved with the local church in nearly every North Carolina community from the coast to the mountains. North Carolina Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers like Benny Langston are ministering to hurricane victims in Elizabeth City. Others are hearing the Good News through new church starts like Simms' Fork Baptist Church, deep in the mountains of North Carolina.

The Baptist State Convention partners with associations, extending the missions and ministries of the local church, and jointly employing and supervising missionaries serving in North Carolina. Last year, more than 600,000 people attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Orville and Wilbur Wright's first flight at Kitty Hawk National Park. A combined effort of local churches and associations, the state convention, WMU, Baptist Men, and others seized the opportunity to practice servant evangelism and demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways.

Baptists in our state are directly involved in national and international missions through North Carolina partnerships and special projects across America and around the world. In fact, the world is coming to our doorstep as North Carolina Baptists continue to minister to an ever-increasing number of

ethnic cultures in our state. Language missions such as La Communidad Internacional Fellowship in East Flat Rock provide vital bilingual ministry to members who are natives of 14 countries.

The theme of "North Carolina: The State of Our Mission" for the 2004 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer encourages us with reports of God's good work in our world, challenges us to reflect on our role in the mission effort, and provides us with a multitude of opportunities to respond and become personally involved in the missions and ministries of North Carolina Baptists.

Great things are happening as a result of North Carolina Baptists' sacrificial giving and fervent prayer for missions and ministries. You'll hear reports from language missions, Baptist Men's disaster relief teams, WMU restorative justice programs, and more. God is at work through the faithful efforts of North Carolina Baptists.

Now is the time to pray and seek God's guidance about your role in the mission effort. Christ called each of us to be witnesses, so there is a place of ministry for each of us. Ask Him how you should be involved.

Each person's unique gifts, talents, and circumstances combine into an individual mission. Some will be called to travel to foreign lands. Others will be asked to simply cross the street and minister to a neighbor in the name of Christ. God created each person to fulfill a specific purpose. Be open to participating in His work through the mission efforts of North Carolina Baptists.

Facts about North Carolina:

- Population: 8,440,515
- Largest number of ethnic churches – Hispanic
- Number of Baptist churches in state: 3,969
- Number of baptisms in 2003: 225,450
- Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,178,940

Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men fund their total budget with the exception of employee benefits out of the North Carolina Missions Offering.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 16.3 million members in approximately 43,024 churches in all 50 states and Canada. These churches work together through approximately 1,194 associations, 40 state conventions, 1 fellowship, and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone.

The Southern Baptist worldwide missions enterprise is funded in large part

through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 2003, these churches sent over $501 million through the Cooperative Program to their state conventions to support work within the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. As determined by messengers to the annual session of each state convention, a percentage of these Cooperative Program receipts is sent to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to SBC entities. In 2003, an average of 63 percent of total Cooperative Program receipts was used for state convention ministries, and roughly 36 percent was forwarded to the SBC for national and worldwide ministries. Messengers to the 2004 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana approved the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2004-2005 of $183,201,694.

Your local Southern Baptist association does not receive CP gifts directly. It ministers through gifts received directly from churches and often receives CP gifts indirectly in the form of support from state conventions and the North American Mission Board.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

Few people would debate that North America's "lostness" is deepening. Millions of people – in the United States, its territories, and Canada – still desperately need Christ. They need the gospel presented in ways they can understand. And they need churches to which they can relate. North America's population is now slightly over 316 million. And it's estimated that as many as 224 million of those people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In the past 10 years, the U.S. population alone grew 13 percent while the number of SBC churches grew 9 percent, and the number of resident members in SBC churches grew less than 8 percent. Today 80 percent of our churches are in the South, and 70 percent of the net gain in our churches in 2001 was in the South.

North America is growing faster than our mission force, faster than our number of churches, and it's growing in many places where our churches are few and small. And as North America grows it is becoming increasingly

pluralistic, increasingly secular, and increasingly permissive in the name of "freedom" and "tolerance." Our media, politicians, schools, and entertainment industry increasingly make clear their view that personal faith in Christ is at best "one option" to be "tolerated." Meanwhile it's an option that more than two-thirds of the people in North America have not chosen. That two-thirds, those 224 million souls, are our mission.

A total of 198 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through the North American Mission Board. The total chaplain count is 2,407, and more than 15,200 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.

The Evangelism Response Center is making it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 14,891 calls received and 406 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 2,558 referrals were made to SBC churches.

Crossover Phoenix, held prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and coordinated by the North American Mission Board, resulted in 1,100 professions of faith. In 1900, there were 27 Southern Baptist churches for every 10,000 Americans. Today, there are only 11 churches for every 10,000 people. In some states, the ratio is as high as one SBC church for every 150,000 people. Canada has one SBC church for every 227,000 people. NAMB's goal is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches by the year 2020 - a task that will involve helping local churches start 60,000 new churches.

Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record numbers:

☞An estimated 420,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects.

☞More than 20,000 disaster relief volunteers from 38 state conventions responded to 75 disasters, prepared 2 million meals, and repaired 1,300 homes.

☞More than 860 churches were involved in 74 On Mission Celebrations in 2003, and more that 267 missionary speakers were assigned to speak at these events.

NAMB's missionary count as of December 31, 2003, is 5,176. Of this number, 3,245 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,931 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.

Through the faithful giving of Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before. In 2003, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) were commendable. Receipts for the AAEO were a record-breaking $49,650,279.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Southern Baptist have reason to rejoice with the International Mission Board's 2003 Annual Statistical Report. For the first time, the number of baptisms has exceeded the half million mark, with 510,357 baptisms reported by missionaries working in partnership with national Baptists around the world. The number reflects 17.7 percent increase over the previous year's 433,519 baptisms.

This is just one area of growth in a report where double-digit increases were recorded in eight of 13 categories of work.

IMB missionaries are working to plant churches among 192 new people groups, 146 of whom had never been exposed to the gospel. Despite these exciting numbers, though, room for progress remains. More than 5,000 people groups have little or no access to the gospel. We now have 5,510 missionaries among 1,328 people groups.

While 8,407 new churches were reported in 2002, the 2003 report cites almost twice as many – 16,721. Through church planting, missionaries hope to engage those who have never heard the gospel.

The report also showed 426,849 new believers in discipleship training, an increase of 128,035 from the previous year.

Your IMB missionaries give their lives to the missions task. And your faithful support keeps them on the field doing what God has called them to do. With each soul won to Christ, each new believer's baptism and each church-planting movement started, you are a faithful partner in the harvest.

As your church gives, prays and goes, unreached people like the Manga Kanuri of West Africa, the Huishui Miao of China and the Uzbeks of Uzbekistan – gain access to the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. They hear and respond because your IMB missionaries go with full support and because you give generously and sacrificially.

Your church's involvement in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides for your IMB missionaries' day-to-day needs. Because you give sacrificially, your missionaries can spend their time reaching for souls instead of raising support. The offering comprises 50% of the IMB's total income, and every penny goes to missionaries and their ministries.

Week of Prayer for International Missions this year will be November 28-December 5, 2004. The national goal is $150 million. The emphasis will be on praying for the Muslim peoples and the people of India.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Great works stand the test of time. The classics. They are the books that are required reading in classrooms around the world. They are the masterpieces that hang in Louvre and other great museums. They are the compositions from

Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Strauss and countless others that are taught and studied and appreciated generation after generation.

What makes them classics? What makes them stand the test of time? Put simply, these works were developed by people who took painstaking care with their craft. Attention was paid to every individual detail as if the very life of the work itself depended on it. Love and devotion and skill were combined with each vision to produce an explosion of creativity and unique expression.

If these explanations truly define the classics and the great works, then the Baptist colleges of North Carolina belong in that very category. Five institutions that define the spirit and commitment of North Carolina Baptists draw their very essence from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, an institution that was created in part to fulfill the mission of Christian higher education in this state.

Begun in 1830, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has stood the test of time. Using the same qualities as the great composers, artists and authors from throughout the centuries, the Baptist State Convention has poured love and devotion and care into the pursuit of offering only the finest in college education.

Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College and Wingate University are the five institutions affiliated with the convention. Why is that important? Because heritage and history make for strong foundations. With the support received from the convention through scholarships, resources, prayer, encouragement and leadership, these institutions grow stronger each year in reputation, prestige, character, quality and respect.

Gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget of the Baptist State Convention of NC last year made it possible for 499 members from 316 convention related churches to attend our five affiliated institutions of higher education. Some of the recipients would not have been able to pursue their dream of a degree from an accredited college or university without the financial assistance provided by generous Baptists like you.

Respectfully submitted,
Clella A. Lee, President, John Roberson, Executive Director

PROPOSED BUDGET
2004 - 2005

	2003-2004	2004-2005
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,300.00	$ 8,300.00
Retirement	4,000.00	4,000.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Housing Allowance	4,707.00	5,607.00
Travel Reimbursement	1,900.00	2,200.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	17,650.00	17,650.00
Insurance	4,175.00	4,975.00
Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	300.00	300.00
Sunday School/VBS	150.00	100.00
Bible Drill	300.00	400.00
Evangelism	400.00	800.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	900.00	600.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops	700.00	700.00
Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	800.00	800.00
Secretary	1,312.00	1,312.00
Telephone	1,550.00	1,100.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	4,000.00	4,000.00
Postage	1,800.00	1,600.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,400.00

Property Insurance	750.00	900.00
Miscellaneous Expense	800.00	800.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Savings for Office Equipment Replacement	1,200.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 64,207.00	$ 65,157.00
Budget & Finance Committee:		
Gordon Lovejoy, Chairman		
Peggy Howell		
Ann Stewart		
B.G. McMahan		
Fred Proctor		
Jerry Gouge		
Sondra Stewart, Treasurer		

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year ending, July 31, 2004

CHURCH	MAY - JULY	AUG - APR	TOTALS
Altapass	$ 1,454.00	$ 4,264.00	$ 5,718.00
Bakersville	125.00	250.00	375.00
Bear Creek	1,200.00	3,600.00	4,800.00
Beaver Creek	564.94	2,070.22	2,635.16
Berry Chapel	1,409.00	3,772.00	5,181.00
Big Crabtree	255.00	1,111.00	1,366.00
Big Rock Creek	0	200.00	200.00
Black Mountain	302.95	430.28	733.23
Calvary	219.08	682.32	901.40
Cane Creek	225.00	525.00	750.00
Central	353.45	1,386.44	1,739.89
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	629.20	2,174.02	2,803.22
Fork Mountain	200.00	200.00	400.00
Freedom	465.21	1,647.64	2,112.85
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	900.00	2,600.01	3,500.01
Ledger	1,505.46	0	1,505.46
Liberty Hill	525.00	1,750.00	2,275.00
Lily Branch	2,154.84	3,685.80	5,840.64
Little Rock Creek	613.19	1,881.48	2,494.67
McKinney Cove	600.00	1,800.00	2,400.00
Mine Creek	0	681.50	681.50
Mount Carmel	688.71	2,505.81	3,194.52
Mountain View	0	0	0
Pine Branch	1,549.04	2,401.57	3,950.61
Roan Mountain	1,201.30	3,392.34	4,593.64
Silver Chapel	649.30	1,864.72	2,514.02
Snow Hill	330.50	954.85	1,285.35
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine, First	25.00	375.00	400.00
Toecane	0	350.00	350.00
Vision Missionary	150.00	450.00	600.00
Western Carolina	0	200.00	200.00
White Oak	84.00	88.13	172.13
TOTALS	$ 18,679.17	$ 48,194.13	$ 66,873.30

TREASURER'S REPORT
4th Quarter and
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2004

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Designated Income:			
Community Mission Fund	$ 26.75		12,905.98
Hispanic Ministry Fund	907.26		23,498.90
Prison Ministry Fund	514.00		4,378.00
Special Event Account	1,500.00		5,682.00
Minute Book Income	0		937.70
Total Designated Income	$ 2,948.01		$ 47,402.58
General Fund Income			
Adjusted Income			85.00
Sale of Supples	278.70		1,090.27
BSC Supplement	0		1,292.43
Church Contributions	18,679.17		66,873.30
Total General Fund Income	$ 18,957.87		$ 69,341.00
Total Income	$ 21,905.88		$123,775.24
Designated Expenses			
Community Missions		$ 1,578.50	$ 13,685.04
Hispanic Ministry		1,062.26	3,968.66
Prison Ministry		1,138.99	6,786.96
Minute Books		0	1,243.41
Special Events		3,337.79	4,195.65
Total Designated Expenses		$ 7,117.54	$29,879.72

Continued	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
General Fund Expenses			
Bank Charges		$ .08	$ 245.56
Bible Drill		0	387.15
Building & Grounds		250.00	430.00
Cash Account		300.00	1,024.91
Convention, Conferences, Workshops		25.00	725.00
Office Expense		1,246.03	3,730.17
Postage		384.12	1,832.61
Property Insurance		0	834.00
Miscellaneous Expense		71.32	948.88
WMU		30.31	233.60
Youth Fund		0	250.00
Director of Missions			
Salary		1,430.01	5,720.04
Housing		1,276.77	5,107.08
Travel		425.01	1,700.04
Retirement		999.00	3,996.00
Medical Ins. & Cell Phone Reimbursed		0	855.03
Christmas Bonus		0	600.00
Secretary			
Salary		3,384.96	13,537.44
Medical Insurance		1,346.61	5,090.84
Retirement		704.25	2,607.00
Social Security		675.12	2,682.84
Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Taxes			
Federal		1,110.00	4,440.00
State		375.00	1,500.00

Continued	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Utilities			
Electricity		160.54	1,171.51
Telephone		415.41	1,619.96
Total Expenses		$ 21,727.08	$ 91,649.38
Total General Expenses		14,609.54	61,769.58
Total Designated Exp.		7,117.54	29,879.72
Total income - total expenses		178.80	32,125.86
Checkbook Balance 07-31-04	$ 32,125.86		
Designated Accounts Bal.			
Hispanic Fund	20,430.24		
Special Events	1,486.35		
Community Missions	906.01		
Beginning balance 5-1-04			
Designated Fund	22,404.50		
General Fund	9,542.56		
Total	31,947.06		
Available Operating Balance			$ 9,303.26
Savings Account Balance			$ 8,799.04

DEATHS

ALTAPASS: Mr. Dorman Hefner, Mr. Tommy Shuck
BEAR CREEK: Mrs. Lizzie Buchanan, Mrs. Lena Willis, Mr. Tony Pitman, Mr. Harry Ellis, Mr. Herbert Greene, Mrs. Emma Lee Buchanan, Mrs. Lucy D. Pitman, Mrs. Essie Ledford
BEAVER CREEK: Mrs. Connie Kerr, Ms. Loraine Silvers, Ms. Nola Pendley, Mr. Wayne Harrison
BERRY CHAPEL: Mr. Scott Carpenter, Mr. I.M. Duncan, Mr. Jay Fisher, Mr. Donald Duncan (Deacon), Mr. Bill Garland, Mrs. Floy Biddix, Mr. Jones Mace
BIG CRABTREE: Mr. Eddie Wyatt, Mr. John Willis
CANE CREEK: Mrs. Sheila Robinson
CENTRAL: Mrs. Wilma Cornwell, Mr. James Bradberry
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Ms. Peggy Lee
FREEDOM: Mr. Barney McKinney
FRIENDSHIP: Ms. Wanda Y. Hoilman, Mr. Clyde Wilcox
GRASSY CREEK: Mr. Delmar Owens, Mrs. Iva Jane MCKinney, Mrs. Avis Hefner, Mrs. Pansey Waycaster Reece, Mr. Frank Fox (Deacon)
LEDGER: Ms. Jolene Williams
LIBERTY HILL: Mrs. Bertie Silver, Mrs. Pauline Buchanan, Mrs. Willie Mae Carpenter, Mrs. Christine Chapman, Mr. Lee Young
LILY BRANCH: Mrs. Lucy Mae Grindstaff, Mr. Allen Honeycutt, Mrs. Arline Huskins, Mr. Hall Taylor, Mrs. Liona Taylor, Mrs. Lucille Tipton
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Mr. Jack Burleson
MCKINNEY COVE: Mr. Harry Lee Grindstaff, Mr. Tommy Buchanan
MINE CREEK: Mr. Bill Buchanan
MOUNT CARMEL: Ms. Naomi Henline, Mrs. Maude Willis, Mrs. Ethel Buchanan, Ms. Pearl B. McKinney
PINE BRANCH: Mrs. Linda L. Capps, Mr. Adam Duncan, Mr. Robert Riddle
SILVER CHAPEL: Mr. Claude Grindstaff
SNOW HILL: Mr. Hugh Garland, Mr. James Wilson
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Mrs. Ruby Baker, Mr. Hugh Dellinger
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BEAVER CREEK:
BERRY CHAPEL: Greg Hollifield, 108 Beechtree Lane, Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Dean Honeycutt, 2609 Henson Creek Rd., Newland
BIG ROCK CREEK:
BLACK MOUNTAIN:
CALVARY: Don Stafford, 286 Loggy Hollow Rd., Bakersville
CANE CREEK: John Stafford, 597 Dallas Young Rd, Bakersville
CENTRAL: Jim Sutton, 362 Terrace Court, Spruce Pine
CHESTNUT GROVE:
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Fred Proctor, 7854 E. US Hwy. 19E, Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN:
FREEDOM: Todd Ayers, 77 Little Rock Lane, Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Bob McKinney, P.O. Box 893, Bakersville

GRASSY CREEK: Matthew Mills, P.O. Box 958, Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Shane Buchanan, 1496 Slagle Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: David Philbeck
LILY BRANCH: Matthew Grindstaff, 3121 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Dallas Renfro, 160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine
McKINNEY COVE: Russell McKinney, 1475 Hamburg Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Kenneth Murphy, P.O. Box 1031, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Nathan Silver, 195 Gouges Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Russel Hoilman, 1193 Licklog Rd., Newland
PINE BRANCH: Steve Williams, 1323 Wing Road, Bakersville
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mark McKinney, P.O. Box 486, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jonathan Thacker, 488 Vance Farm Rd., Spruce Pine
SNOW HILL: Gerold Grindstaff, 988 Waterstreet Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Robert McCurry, 13600 Hwy. 226 N., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Vess, 110 Mountain Breeze Dr., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Sherrill Whitson, 1329 Roses Branch Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: Martin Fisher, 676 Henry Worley Lane, Marshall
WESTERN CAROLINA: Randy Bonner, 90 Thomas Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Jack Michaels, P.O. Box 1096, Weaverville
WILDERNESS HISPANIC: Charles Alonso, P.O. Box 132, Spruce Pine

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

ALTAPASS: Gregg Henline, 106 Harris Street, Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Leonard Wiggins, 112 Bear Creek Church Rd., Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Samuel Swann, 57 Swann Lane, Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Rocky Buchanan, 50 Balsam Ave., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Bryan Burleson, 41 Towhee Lane, Burnsville
BIG ROCK CREEK: Sammy Garland, 1393 Rockdale Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Joe A. Howell, 2573 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
CALVARY: Jack Staton, P.O. Box 187, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Alan Snyder, 4313 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: James Owings, 291 Pond Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Richard McKinney, 65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Charles Roper, 1306 Green Creek Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Sanford Hughes, 212 Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Doug Miller, P.O. Box 108, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: David Shuford, 793 Old NC 226 Hwy., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Chuck Greene, 1060 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville
LIBERTY HILL: Mack Ramsey, 376 Hoot Owl Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Dean Myers, 149 Galax Trail, Spruce Pine
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Gordon Lovejoy, 1790 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Allen Baker, P.O. Box 219, Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Bobby Buchanan, 150 Pitman Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Toby Crowder, 1150 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville
MOUNTAIN VIEW: James W. Carr, 2220 Bad Creek Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Daryl Dellinger, 166 Barry Dr., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Janice Silver, 600 Young Cove Rd., Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jack Buchanan, 159 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Gary Smith, 37 Smithville Hollow, Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Kevin Wyatt, 1179 Rock House Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Sandy Davis, 161 Walnut St., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: John Laws, 674 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: John Wilburn, 651 Lower White Oak Rd., Marshall
WESTERN CAROLINA: Chris Renfro, 190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine

WHITE OAK: Bobby Webb, 383 English Rd., Spruce Pine

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTORS

ALTAPASS: Dale Blevins, 194 Oakdale Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Jamie Miller, 86 Hickory Hill Dr., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Dean Honeycutt, 2609 Henson Creek Rd., Newland
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Matthew Grindstaff, 881 Brushy Creek Rd, S.Pine
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Gordon Lovejoy, 1790 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Morris Burleson, 4328 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, 1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
WESTERN CAROLINA: Chris Renfro, 190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Jack Michaels, P.O. Box 1096, Weaverville

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ALTAPASS: Greg McKinney, P.O. Box 344, Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Durl Pitman, 59 Pitman Rd., Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Betty Pendley, 2727 East US 19 Hwy., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Bill Calloway, 193 Minpro Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Debra Pittman, 1628 Rabbit Hope Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, 1081 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
CALVARY: Lee Ella Cooke, 1398 Stagger Weed Rd., Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Dean Ward, Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Brenda Sparks, 314 Cliff Buchanan Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Sharon Renfro, 50 Hemlock Rd., Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Tillie McKinney, 2815 NC 261, Bakersville
FREEDOM: Margaret Wilson, 106 Ledger Dr., Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: John Hall, 2026 Halltown Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Geraldine Ellis, 335 Ledger School Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Alice Glenn, 962 Brushy Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRACH: Candace Phillips, 744 Pine Mountain Rd., Spruce Pine
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Tommie Edwards,184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Allen Baker, P.O. Box 219, Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Renee Johnson, 1184 Mine Creek Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Ava Hollifield, 130 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Lorie McKinney, Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Oscar Horrell, P.O. Box 668, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jerry Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Ted Willis, 308 Wing Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Vernon Styles, Whitson Branch Rd., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, 1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
VISION MISSIONARY: Annie Garrison, 163 Kelly Hunter Rd., Mars Hill
WHITE OAK: Bobby Webb, 383 English Rd., Spruce Pine

WMU DIRECTORS

ALTAPASS: Iris Burleson, P.O. Box 460, Spruce Pine

BEAR CREEK: Nora Nell Jarrett, 4680 Hwy 226 S., Bakersville
BERRY CHAPEL: Pat Silver, P.O. Box 374, Spruce Pine
BEAVER CREEK: Nina Buchanan, 1019 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
CENTRAL: Scottie Wellborn, P.O. Box 129, Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Leslie Sparks, 221 Sparks Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Donna Ayers, 77 Little Rock Lane, Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Margaret Honeycutt, 2239 White Oak Rd., Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Donna Gibson, 2122 Halltown Rd., Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL: Linda Buchanan 553 North Mtn. Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Amelia Ledford, 2516 Slagle Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Heather Gouge, 6196 NC 261, Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Kandra Mooney1879 McKinney Cove Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Judy Roberts, 315 Davis Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Glenda Franklin, 274 Jakes Branch Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Susie Buchanan, P.O. Box 891, Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Stacie McKinney, P.O. Box 486, Spruce Pine
SNOW HILL: Pat King, 301 Wing Road, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Jean Warren, 7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Marcella Bailey, 262 Blackberry Lane, Bakersville

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS

ALTPASS: Mark Norton, 92 Bell St., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Buddy Silver, P.O. Box 374, Spruce Pine
CANE CREEK: Alan Snyder, 4513 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Monroe Bridges, 40 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Ted Sparks, 3129 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK: Scott McKinney, 1000 Carters Ridge Rd., Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL: Roger Huskins, 7254 East US Hwy 19E, Burnsville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Don Albers, 197 Trout Pond Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Jeff Edwards, 135 Summer Lane, Spruce Pine
SNOW HILL: Morris Burleson, 4328 Hwy 226 South, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, First: Robert Stroup, 129 Stroup Rd., Sp. Pine
WHITE OAK: Bobby Webb, 383 English Rd., Spruce Pine

TREASURERS

ALTAPASS: Iris Burleson, P.O. Box 460, Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Joe Ray Willis, 1494 Bear Creek Rd., Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Betty Pendley, 2727 East, US 19Hwy. , Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Gregg Huffman, P.O. Box 785, Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Patti Franklin, P.O. Box 712, Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Phyllis Garland, 1393 Rockdale Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Carolyn M. Glenn, P.O. Box 204, Little Switzerland
CALVARY: Parnell Buchanan, 498 Staggerweed Rd., Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Oakalene Vance, 4606 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Marquitta Holtsclaw, 468 Apple Mountain Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Sherry Jones, 919 Brushy Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Ivan Greene, 1371 Green Creek Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Elizabeth McClellan, 362 Berry Hill Rd., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Gail McKinney, P.O. Box 893, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Phil Snyder, 618 Carters Ridge Rd., Spruce Pine

LEDGER: Sue Grindeland, 249 Starlin Mountain Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Keith Hoyle, 115 Hoyle Brothers Dr., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Jackie Thomas, 3416 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Kathy Kuhne, P.O. Box 456, Little Switzerland
McKINNEY COVE: Beth Hinson, 361 Gouge Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Roger Garland, 650 Duck Branch Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Richard Haney, 44 Sunshine Circle, Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Blanche Stanley, 561 Deyton Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Dennis Buchanan, P.O. Box 891, Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Kevin McKinney, P.O. Box 738, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Helen McKinney, 162 Sam Gouge Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Ted Willis, 308 Wing Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Willard Moffitt, 29 Toms Creek Rd., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Don Warren, 7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Lloyd Laws, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: Joanne Rice, 852 Hazel Brook Lane, Marshall
WESTERN CAROLINA: Richard Baker, 477 Sunrise ridge Rd. Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Randle Stewart, 2193 White Oak Rd., Bakersville

CHURCH CLERKS

ALTAPASS: Lois Matthews, 488 Vance Farm Rd., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Nora Nell Jarrett, 4680 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Beulah Burleson, 614 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Judy Greer, 140 Hill St., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Patti Franklin, P.O. Box 712, Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, 1081 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Carolyn M. Glenn, P.O. Box 204, Little Switzerland
CALVARY: Lisa Bailey, P.O. Box 197, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Rhonda Robinson, 61 Stamey Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Monroe Bridges, 40 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Michelle Blevins, 189 River Walk Dr., Burnsville
FORK MOUNTAIN: Ivan Greene, 1371 Green Creek Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Carolyn Sparks, 600 Pine Run Ridge Rd., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Eloise Ledford, P.O. Box 242, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Lula Owens, 843 Dula Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Debra Barnette, 25 Howell Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Ruby Putman, 94 D&D Lane, Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Regina Murdock, 3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rosa . Edwards, 184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Beth Hinson, 3361 Gouge Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Janice Hensley, 333 Mine Creek Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Rebecca Fortner, P.O. Box 807, Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Judy Carr, 2220 Bad Creek Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Nell Young, P.O. Box 31, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Linda Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Wilma Carlisle, 61 Ulysses Young Way, Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Elizabeth Butler, 62 Butler Lane, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Dorothy P. Gouge, 4499 Hwy 226S, Bakersville
TOECANE: Mary Crowder, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: Sarah Baldwin, P.O. Box 1304, Mars Hill
WESTERN CAROLINA: Craig Bodiford, 681 Overlook Dr. Apt. B, S. Pine
WHITE OAK: Angie Burleson, 262 Blackberry Lane, Bakersville

CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS

ALTAPASS: Dale Blevins, 194 Oakdale Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Kenneth Pitman, 73 Ledger Dr., Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Phillip Henline, 675 Biggerstaff Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Avery Carpenter, 120 Hill St., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Sammy Willis, 227 Huskins Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Sammy Garland, 1393 Rockdale Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Joe A. Howell, 2573 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
CALVARY: Jack Staton, P.O. Box 187, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Garry Robinson, 61 Stamey Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Jerry Hodge, 273 N. Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Richard McKinney, 65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK: Dennis McKinney, 441 Barney McKinney Rd., S. Pine
LEDGER: Windle Young, 5226 NC 226 South, Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Max Cabe, 125 Cliff Buchanan Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Richard Sparks, 3830 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Allen Baker, P.O. Box 219, Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Clarence Fleet Hensley, 333 Mine Creek Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Avery Buchanan, 96 West Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: James Carr, 2220 Bad Creek Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Quentin Buchanan, 166 Barry Dr., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Kevin McKinney, P.O. Box 738, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Ray Buchanan, 141 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Lewis Turbyfill, 100 Turbyfill Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Willard Moffitt, 29 Toms Creek Rd., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Robert Stroup, 129 Stroup Rd., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Lloyd Laws, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: Michael Garrison, 146 Kelly Hunter Rd., Mars Hill
WHITE OAK: Steve Carpenter, 1043 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

PIANISTS

ALTAPASS: Monica Henley, 1860 Jacksontown Rd., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Patrick Willis, 1494 Bear Creek Rd., Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK:
BERRY CHAPEL: Lenise Ramsey, 1855 Dula Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Barbara Brummitt, 214 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, 1081 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
CALVARY: Lee Ella Cooke, 1398 Stagger Weed Rd., Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Cindy Stafford, 597 Dallas Young Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Jennifer Gregory, 390 Hickory Hill Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Kim Young, 37 Granny Young Lane, Burnsville
FREEDOM: Shirley Smith, 177 Forest Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Joyce McKinney, 320 Pitman Rd., Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Lorie Dover, 15 Dover Lane, Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Karen Young, 577 Bear Creek Church Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Lolita Buchanan, 3449 Penland Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Stephanie Medford, 295 Conley Ridge Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rosa Edwards, 184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Stephanie Dellinger, 212 S. Mitchell Ave., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Dianna Gouge, 2216 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Tracy Medford, 96 Breezy Lane, Spruce Pine
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PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Amelia McKinney, P.O. Box 827, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Glenda Buchanan, 159 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Becky Pitman, 919 Wilson Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Alvin Dean Ollis, Hwy. 226 N., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Patty Ferguson, 15 Swiss Pine Court, Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Mary Crowder, 668 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: Naomi Garrison, 612 Kelly Hunter Rd., Marshall
WHITE OAK: Susie Carpenter, 1043 Rock House Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

YOUTH DIRECTORS

BEAR CREEK: Rodney Greene, 370 Wilson Rd., Bakersville
BERRY CHAPEL: Josh Dellinger, 273 Staggerweed Rd., Bakersville
BIG ROCK CREEK: Becky Garland, Rockdale Rd., Bakersville
CALVARY: Mary Stafford, 268 Loggy Hollow Rd., Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Pam Snyder, 4513 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Greg & Meredith Hoilman, 1181 Big Plumtree Creek Rd., Newland
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Douglas Willis, 282 Sourwood Dr., Spruce Pine
FREEDOM: Scott Johnson, P.O. Box 841, Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Janie Cole, 595 John Sparks Rd., Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Travis Williams, 154 Old Dale Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Richie McKinney, 800 Altapass Church of God Rd., Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL: Franklin Cox, 1089 Brushy Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Will Winters, P.O. Box 253, Spruce Pine
McKINNEY COVE: Kandra Mooney, 1879 McKinney Cove Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Lisa Austin, P.O. Box 231, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Tammy Johnson, P.O. Box 301, Spruce Pine
PINE BRANCH: Andy Willis, P.O. Box 464, Bakersville
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Stacie McKinney, P.O. Box 486, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Jane Toy, 70 Tappan St., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Susie Carpenter, 1048 Rock House Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

Zip Codes

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Marshall	28753
Mars Hill	28754
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Weaverville	28787

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
				Jimmy Steele/John Rhymer
1975	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Frank Ellis/R.M. Cassity
1976	Grassy Creek/S.P. First	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Upton/Dallas Renfro
1977	Berry Chapel/Beaver Creek	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hipps/Bob McCurry
1978	Pine Branch/Bakersville	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hollifield/Lee Ayers
1979	Snow Hill/Roan Mountain	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Gerold Grindstaff
1980	Spruce Pine, First/Mine Creek	Maurice Gilliam	M.W. Blanton	Jim Gore/Earl Henry
1981	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Astor Buchanan/Jim Mizell
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2000 Minutes

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	327	300	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	756	630	8	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	15	0
Beaver Creek	270	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	544	341	6	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	0
Big Crabtree	228	226	6	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0
Big Rock Creek	40	40	5	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Black Mountain	42	42	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
Calvary	148	142	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Cane Creek	123	123	7	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Central	263	208	8	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	6	0
Crabtree Chapel	213	213	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Fork Mountain	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	233	233	6	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	9	0
Friendship	117	117	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0
Grassy Creek	552	421	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0
Ledger	112	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	446	376	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
Lily Branch	216	163	5	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Little Rock Creek	69	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
McKinney Cove	154	154	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0

Mine Creek	179	172	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	7	0
Mount Carmel	415	154	5	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	9	0
Mountain View	37	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pine Branch	583	460	7	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	12	0
Roan Mountain	186	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Silver Chapel	168	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	245	237	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0
Spring Creek	180	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	622	443	6	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	24	30
Toecane	40	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	79	79	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Western Carolina	85	85	10	1	0	2	0	1	6	0	7	15
White Oak	130	60	8	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wilderness Hispanic	44	44	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7,896	5,987	119	2	21	26	22	19	25	4	135	45

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Intercessory Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Assoc. Missions On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Altapass	1925	1987	A	240	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bakersville	1869	2002	C					No	
Bear Creek	1830	2001	A	345	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2003	A	72	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934	1999	C	190	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	A	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	1983	A	30	0	0	No	No	No
Black Mountain	1882		A	21	0	0	No	Yes	No
Calvary	1949	1991	A	65	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cane Creek	1867	2001	A	60	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Central	1932	2002	C	70	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chestnut Grove	1923		A					No	
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1997	A	72	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2002	A	45	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Freedom	1988	2003	A	110	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	C	42	0	0	Yes	No	Yes

Grassy Creek	1818	2002	F	175	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Ledger	1953	2004	A	50	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	1997	A	125	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Lily Branch	1859	2003	A	63	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1884	1997	A	50	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	2003	A	65	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	A	99	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	C	95	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mountain View	1932	2004	A	10	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Pine Branch	1921	2000	D	225	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	A	53	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	A	53	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Snow Hill	1915	1989	A	69	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	A	110	0	0	No	No	No
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	C	225	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	A	28	0	0	No	No	No
Vision Missionary	1998	1998	A	56	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Western Carolina	2000	2000	C	84	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Oak	1884	2000	A	46	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilderness-Hispanic Mission	1998	1998	C	60	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals				3,178	0	2			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-Gen. Officers 16-Avg. SS Att 18 - VBS
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-up) 15i-Other Bible Study 17 - SS Not Members

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
Altapass	194	43	27	16	13	9	16	48	2	0	110	10	160
Bear Creek	300	38	36	19	6	22	47	81	10	0	189	0	160
Beaver Creek	49	4	2	1	0	3	5	10	1	0	44	0	39
Berry Chapel	133	17	10	15	4	25	9	25	3	10	115	10	165
Big Crabtree	86	12	13	6	13	16	15	7	0	0	80	12	88
Big Rock Creek	38	4	8	4	2	5	10	4	0	0	38	0	30
Black Mountain	13	0	3	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	11	0	0
Calvary	55	4	5	3	2	9	10	7	0	0	55	0	30
Cane Creek	65	6	7	8	5	10	10	10	0	0	60	5	98
Central	80	6	2	8	7	7	13	12	4	1	47	12	45
Crabtree Chapel	90	5	17	9	3	9	22	10	4	0	72	12	86
Fork Mountain	20	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	20	0	0
Freedom	92	5	7	10	9	24	12	10	4	0	68	5	48
Friendship	34	0	0	1	2	2	4	9	4	0	36	6	9
Grassy Creek	305	8	10	28	14	40	14	37	3	140	98	61	120
Ledger	36	2	5	6	0	7	0	15	1	0	36	0	27
Liberty Hill	155	14	8	17	7	37	13	10	26	0	95	0	72
Lily Branch	69	4	6	7	4	4	16	15	2	0	43	5	53
Little Rock Creek	72	6	10	3	6	8	14	12	0	0	50	9	32
McKinney Cove	63	9	10	5	0	7	7	12	2	0	47	0	77

Mine Creek	131	10	8	30	4	14	15	35	4	0	99	8	76
Mount Carmel	100	6	12	5	3	14	15	30	3	12	70	0	88
Mountain View	13	0	0	1	1	1	3	4	0	0	10	3	0
Pine Branch	185	12	20	15	8	35	32	27	7	0	138	0	120
Roan Mountain	81	6	7	7	5	6	18	15	2	0	55	0	43
Silver Chapel	78	5	5	3	5	11	11	15	3	0	52	0	19
Snow Hill	76	8	4	4	9	9	22	5	10	0	66	0	60
Spring Creek	141	24	8	12	10	24	24	16	8	0	100	12	65
Spruce Pine, First	305	15	16	36	26	19	57	50	5	2	158	31	87
Toecane	13	3	3	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	26	0	0
Vision	112	7	9	5	5	10	12	6	1	0	75	0	72
Western Carolina	139	22	23	6	19	13	39	6	3	0	83	20	60
White Oak	46	3	3	4	9	0	14	10	3	0	35	0	77
Wilderness-Hispanic Mission	24	4	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	40
Assoc. Totals	3393	315	318	308	203	406	504	560	116	165	2306	221	2146

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Altapass	18	0	0	1	15	2	15	0	4	7	4
Bear Creek	65	7	10	9	37	2	9	0	0	0	9
Berry Chapel	75	13	27	25	0	10	31	14	5	4	8
Big Crabtree	25	3	5	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	47	6	4	10	25	2	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	20	8	8	0	0	4	36	0	0	0	36
Little Rock Creek	14	0	1	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	5	1	2
Snow Hill	26	4	3	2	15	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	61	0	12	18	30	1	25	0	0	0	25
Western Carolina	65	5	4	8	43	5	36	0	0	12	24
Wilderness-Hispanic Mission	37	3	7	4	20	3	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	453	49	81	87	204	32	161	15	14	24	108

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:
23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 23f-WMU Missions 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17)
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up)

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	24	24a	24b	24c
Altapass	59	16	1	10	16	4	12	25	5	3	1
Bear Creek	72	20	12	10	20	8	2	34	4	0	30
Beaver Creek	11	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	16	0	0	0	15	1	0	15	0	0	15
Cane Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
Central	34	0	6	12	6	2	8	20	3	6	10
Crabtree Chapel	11	0	0	0	10	1	0	20	3	2	15
Freedom	17	0	0	0	14	2	1	10	0	0	10
Friendship	8	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	29	0	0	0	27	2	0	20	0	0	20
Liberty Hill	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	10	2	4	4
Lily Branch	10	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	12	0	0	12
McKinney Cove	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	73	1	3	5	40	4	20	32	10	14	3
Mount Carmel	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	15	0	0	15
Pine Branch	45	7	12	3	23	0	0	15	10	0	5
Roan Mountain	22	0	6	3	10	3	0	10	0	0	10
Snow Hill	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	7
Spruce Pine, First	221	5	5	13	40	8	150	63	7	9	47
White Oak	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	8
Assoc. Totals	685	49	45	56	303	38	194	326	44	38	222

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Altapass	$ 214,303	15,400	21,638	500	6,175	0	2,425	4,000	19,471	7,107
Bear Creek	$ 534,890	35,705	0	24,000	4,800	3,000	3,819	22,000	12,473	88,031
Beaver Creek	$ 57,890	11,890	730	2,923	2,338	2,923	1,702	2,000	500	0
Berry Chapel	$ 185,466	32,440	3,051	12,283	5,265	85	90	1,236	450	650
Big Crabtree	$ 37,851	20,660	0	0	1,366	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	$ -	-	-	0	200	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	$ 15,298	0	0	202	733	350	80	235	458	1,800
Calvary	$ -	-	-	0	2,500	0	0	500	0	0
Cane Creek	$ 36,278	4,306	0	600	900	0	602	726	0	0
Central	$ 96,274	12,390	12,375	9,699	1,740	400	882	593	811	5,991
Crabtree Chapel	$ 63,490	15,438	0	3,229	2,540	0	553	831	2,610	17,044
Fork Mountain	$ 20,005	390	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	$ 106,106	31,262	0	0	2,113	5,350	2,463	3,020	6,635	12,345
Friendship	$ 33,981	2,668	125	0	600	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	$ 222,421	25,518	0	12,000	3,600	250	0	45,597	2,511	11,300
Ledger	$ 44,062	3,849	3,220	1,200	1,505	0	820	1,010	1,120	0
Liberty Hill	$ 106,586	11,661	8,500	2,400	2,275	1,739	1,154	3,000	1,034	648
Lily Branch	$ 134,010	36,607	3,339	13,476	6,030	4,808	4,471	6,101	7,766	18,533
Little Rock Creek	$ 54,017	4,538	0	0	2,495	1,512	1,128	1,891	11,676	6,145
McKinney Cove	$ 69,476	0	0	2,600	2,400	1,250	2,000	1,600	1,167	4,730
Mine Creek	$ 70,192	11,200	0	0	681	432	542	250	0	0
Mount Carmel	$ 104,485	9,167	0	5,324	3,195	5,324	367	1,212	0	4,489
Mountain View	$ -	3,000	-	0	0	0	125	0	0	279

Pine Branch	$ 235,556	19,598	15,608	24,230	5,109	1,009	2,538	9,330	928	0
Roan Mountain	$ 90,000	10,000	0	8,500	3,500	2,700	1,430	2,930	0	0
Silver Chapel	$ 53,793	6,077	6,077	1,600	2,514	0	0	1,718	0	0
Snow Hill	$ 42,472	49,677	0	3,004	1,285	400	400	420	665	0
Spring Creek	$ 56,547	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	1,074	7,688
Spruce Pine, First	$ 326,341	47,888	7,504	21,200	400	1,850	848	1,298	0	48,850
Toecane	$ -	2,348	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0
Vision	$ 49,715	14,683	0	1,200	600	0	71	60	0	892
Western Carolina	$ 77,217	2,000	6,011	150	200	50	0	0	5,180	0
White Oak	$ 49,549	837	0	296	172	0	180	480	0	0
Wilderness-Hispanic Mission	$ 4,800	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	0	0
Assoc. Totals	$3,193,071	440,616	88,950	150,616	68,581	33,432	28,790	71,138	76,529	236,522

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Vice-President ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
P.O. Box 486, Bakersville
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2005-2006 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Matthew Mills, Chairman
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone
Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. Steve Williams

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Rev. Nathan Silver
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Howard Buchanan
Rev. Jack Michaels, Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Jack Michaels
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Joe Biddix
Term Expiring 2008 ..... Helen McKinney

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2006 ..... Rev. Steve Williams
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Jim Sutton
Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. David Philbeck
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2006 ..... Morris Stamey
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Chris Renfro
Term Expiring 2008 ..... Don Albers

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North
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Gordon Lovejoy
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Bob McKinney
Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. Don Stafford

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Term Expiring 2006 ..... Peggy Howell
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Matthew Grindstaff
Term Expiring 2008 ..... Morris Stamey

South
Term Expiring 2006 ..... Ann Stewart
Term Expiring 2007 ..... Rev. Brandon Pitman
Term Expiring 2008 ..... John Hall

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS ..... Donnie Vickers
64 West Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine
CENTRAL ..... Jerry Hodge
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Monday ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Tuesday ..... Rev. Nathan Silver

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Rev. Chris Rathbone - Chairman, Rev. Don Stafford, Rev. Russell McKinney

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Steve Williams, Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Rev. Mark McKinney

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER: Rev. Matt Mills, Rev. Bob McKinney - Chairman, Rev. John Stafford

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Gene Self

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ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Carol Sisk, Iris Burleson, Greg McKinney, Dale Blevins, Billy Matthews, Lois Matthews, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Sondra Stewart
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BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Brandon Pitman, Carrie Pitman, Phillip Henline, Mary Henline, Anna Mae Carpenter, Beulah Burleson, Beverly Murphy, Bruce Murphy
BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer, Lou Jenkins, Betty Biddix, Frances Sparks, Myrtle Pittman, Mary Stafford, Edna Grabowski, Bill Love
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BIG ROCK CREEK: Rev. Max Holland
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LIBERTY HILL: Rev. David Philbeck, Eddie Williams, Martha Williams, Betty Jones, Charles Jones, Edith Hinkle, Marie Sparks,
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock, Louise Burleson
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Don Albers, Gordon Lovejoy, Janie Cook
McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Russell McKinney, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Janice Hensley, Fleet Hensley, Debra Buchanan, Jean Saylor, Jim Saylor, Michael Buchanan
MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Nathan Silver, Avery Buchanan, Richard Haney
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Lorie McKinney, Charles McKinney, Blanche Stanley
PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Beverly Williams, Floyd Williams
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney
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SNOW HILL: Wes Brewer, Donna Brewer, Judy Burleson, Morris Burleson
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Jean Warren , Nancy Van Ostrand
TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson, Mildred Whitson
WESTERN CAROLINA: Rev. Chris Renfro
WHITE OAK: Rev. Jack Michaels, Marian McNeill, Marcia McNeill

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches

affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its

approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.

2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.

3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.

4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.

5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.
2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.
3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

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157th Annual Session
Mitchell Baptist Association

Altapass Baptist Church, Spruce Pine
Monday, August 29, 2005 3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: "In His Service"

3:30 Call to Order ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator
Pastor, Little Rock Creek Baptist Church

Hymn #347 ..... "Serve the Lord with Gladness"
Led by David Thayer, Music Director, First Baptist, Spruce Pine

Welcome & Prayer ..... Rev. Steve Sisk, Pastor
Altapass Baptist Church

Committee Report: Order of Business .. Rev. Fred Proctor, Pastor
Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

3:45 Director of Missions Report ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine

4:00 Recognitions, Announcements, Committee Appointments, Welcome New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

4:30 Hymn #423 ..... "Let Others See Jesus In You"

4:35 Christian Action League ..... Rev. Mark Creech,
Executive Director, Raleigh, NC

4:50 Special Music ..... Curtis and Dawn Hughes

5:00 Challenge Message ..... Rev. Hampton Drum
Pastor, South River Baptist Church, Statesville, NC

5:30 Benediction and Blessing on meal

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator

Hymn #155 ..... "Revive Us Again"

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Brandon Pitman,
Beaver Creek Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:10 Baptist Children's Homes ..... Rev. Lewis Smith
Western Regional Director

7:25 Baptist Retirement Homes ..... Rev. Gayle Brown
Area Representative, Western North Carolina

7:35 Appalachian Region Ministries ..... Rev. Lester Evans
Western Regional Resources Coordinator

7:45 Hymn #80 ..... "Rescue the Perishing"

7:50 Mission Message ..... Rev. Larry & Kathy Phillips
Taylorsville, NC, former missionaries to Peru

8:15 Hymn #373 ..... "Living for Jesus"

8:20 Special Music ..... Charles Allen

8:30 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Don Stafford,
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction

Calvary Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 30, 2005 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator

Hymn #240 ..... "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Welcome ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. David Philbeck, Liberty Hill Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:15 Special Music ..... Pastors' Choir

7:30 Prison Ministry ..... Rev. Russel Hoilman, Chaplain

7:45 Bible Drills ..... Martha Burleson

8:00 Hymn #213 ..... "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

8:05 Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

8:15 Special Music ..... Grassy Creek Quartet

8:25 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Steve Williams, Pastor, Pine Branch Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Altapass Baptist Church
August 29, 2005 3:30 P.M.

1. The 157th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 29, 2005, 3:30 P.M., at Altapass Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Dallas

Renfro. The theme for this year's sessions was "In His Service."

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "Serve the Lord With Gladness," which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer.

3. Rev. Steve Sisk, pastor of Altapass Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors and opened the session with prayer.

4. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev. Fred Proctor, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. One change needed to be made. Rev. Mark Creech from the Christian Action league was unable to be with us. Rev. Proctor made the motion to accept the program for the 2005 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-seven churches were represented. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out at this time.

6. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He read from Mark 2:1-5 and gave information on the past year's ministries. He also gave information on up-coming events for the associational year. He gave a reminder of the 5-year goal plan he presented last year, as he looks toward his retirement. A long-range planning committee has been appointed with Rev. Matt Mills as chairman. Rev. Whetstine made the recommendation to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

7. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.

– Wilderness Hispanic Mission was placed under the watch-care of the association last year. A motion was made to accept them as a church into our association. The motion was seconded and approved.

– Lester Evans, Western Area Missionary was introduced; Lewis Smith from the Baptist Children's Homes was introduced.

– Rev. Dallas Renfro, called attention to the committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.

– Our new pastors were recognized: Rev. David Philbeck - Liberty Hill; Rev. Donald Davis - Freedom; Rev. Brandon Pitman - Beaver Creek, Rev. Max Holland - Big Rock Creek; Rev. David Wilcox, Fork Mountain; Gene Self - youth pastor, Grassy Creek; Rev. Vernon Buchanan - Chestnut Grove; Rev. Russel Hoilman - Mountain View; Jonathan Thacker - Silver Chapel.

8. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at the end of the year is $13,566.09. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

9. The Proposed Budget for 2005-2006 was presented by Rev. Fred Proctor. The total for the coming year is $70,207.00. With no questions, the Budget for the coming year was seconded and approved.

10. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

11. The congregation was led in the hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in You."

12. Rev. Lewis Smith, representative from the Baptist Children's Homes, gave a power point presentation on things that had happened in the past year.

13. Special Music was provided by Dawn and Curtis Hughes.

14. Our Moderator, Rev. Dallas Renfro, thanked everyone for their support during the past year especially with his wife's illness. He asked for support for our young pastors and encouraged them to become involved in the weekly Pastors' Conference.

15. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. Hampton Drum, pastor of South River Baptist Church in Statesville. He spoke on "We Have Been Equipped for Battle," and read scripture from II Corinthians 10:1-6.

16. Our benediction and blessing on the evening meal was given by Rev. Don Stafford.

Break for evening meal.

17. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator.

18. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "Revive Us Again."

19. Rev. Brandon Pitman, pastor of Beaver Creek Baptist Church, read scripture from Joshua 24:15 and led in prayer.

20. A second roll call of the churches was given with one more church represented, totaling 28. Registration cards were once again handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

21. A report was given on the Baptist Children's Homes by Rev. Lewis Smith, Western Regional Director. He read scripture from Mark 10:13-16 and stated that the theme for this year's November Thanksgiving Offering was "There For Me." He also invited everyone to the Area Conference and Open House at Broyhill on September 8.

22. A report was given on the Baptist Retirement Homes by Rev. Gayle Brown, Area Representative, Western North Carolina. The closest home to us is located in Asheville. The special offering for Baptist Retirement Homes will be in Feburary.

23. Rev. Lester Evans, our Western Regional Resources Coordinator, spoke on the Appalachian Region Ministries. He stated that there are 18.3 million people in the Appalachian region with 13 million of those unchurched. Rev. Evans also works with bi-vocational pastors.

24. The congregation sang the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing."

25. Our missionary guest was Larry Phillips from Taylorsville, NC. He and his wife were missionaries in Peru, where he was a church planter. He now works with the Baptist State Convention with Hispanic ministries.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "Living for Jesus."

27. Special music was provided by Charles Allen from Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church.

28. Rev. Don Stafford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, preached the evening message. His scripture was taken from II Kings 6:1–7. He spoke to us about "When You Lose the Power of God."

29. The benediction was given by Joe Biddix, member of Altapass Baptist Church.

Calvary Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 30, 2005 7:00 P.M.

30. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

31. The congregation sang the hymn, "When The Roll is Called up Yonder."

32. Rev. Don Stafford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors.

33. Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church , read scripture from John 12:23-26 and led in the opening prayer.

34. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-six churches were represented at the second night's session.

35. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir. A Pastors' trio also sang.

36. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given. In the absence of Rev. Russel Hoilman -- Rev. Dallas Renfro and Rev. Brandon Pitman gave information on this ministry. Our Director of Missions also gave information. It was suggested that an offering be taken for Bibles that were needed at the prison. The total collected was $448.81.

37. Our Associational Bible Drill Director, Martha Burleson, gave a report on Bible Drills. She stated that she would be willing to go into any church and help them get started with Bible Drills.

38. The congregation sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

39. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.
– Registration Cards were taken up.

40. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year.

41. The election of officers began with nominations for Moderator. Rev. Mark McKinney nominated Rev. Don Stafford as Moderator. A motion was made for for Rev. Stafford as Moderator and it was seconded and approved. Rev. Matthew Grindstaff nominated Rev. Jim Sutton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, as Vice-Moderator. The nomination was seconded and approved.

42. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2006 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Grassy Creek Baptist Church in Spruce Pine and the second night at Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Steve Sisk, pastor of Altapass Baptist Church and Rev. Nathan Silver, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. The dates will be August 28th and 29th.

43. Special music was provided by Grassy Creek Quartet.

44. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator, thanked the messengers for allowing him to serve for two years as Moderator.

45. The Annual Sermon was given by Rev. Steve Williams. He read scripture from John 2:1-11 and spoke on "The Best Is Yet To Be."

46. The benediction was given by Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor of Mine Creek Baptist Church.. The meeting concluded for another year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 11, 2004

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 11, 2004, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. After several prayer requests, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, led in the opening prayer. The following churches were represented - an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Friendship, Grassy Creek, Liberty Hill, *Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, *Roan Mountain, and *White Oak. A total of eleven people were in attendance.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, gave information on the following:

⇨He wants to start an Orientation Class for the young pastors in the association. He hopes to start this in January. He also wants to plan a trip to the Baptist State Convention in Cary, for these young men.

⇨He wants to plan a Sunday School event and have a special speaker come in to help increase our Sunday School attendance.

⇨We are helping to buy Christmas gifts for the children at Broyhill Children's Home in Clyde. We have the names that can be picked up at the office.

Martha Williams, our WMU Director gave a report for our WMU and Brotherhood. (Eddie Williams, Brotherhood Director was at a meeting at Caraway Conference Center). A planning session was held on September 23rd, for coming events.

The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held on November 1st, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church.

The WMU and Brotherhood are working together with Carolina Lighthouse to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the less fortunate in our area. Plans are still in the making.

Two hundred pairs of gloves were collected for the Women's Prison in

Raleigh by our WMU ladies of the churches.

Two churches (Bear Creek and Crabtree Chapel) are assembling 178 Christmas shoe boxes for St. Charles Elementary School in Virginia. Other churches are working on shoe boxes for local children. These are due back to the associational office by December 10.

A Valentine project will be planned for Brian Center and the Yancey Nursing Center and a Food Bank will be planned for Easter.

The Disaster Relief efforts in our area are still ongoing. Two hundred homes are being repaired along with several churches.

Our WMU Director also made reference to the fact that our churches were getting away from teaching our youth and children about missions. Not many churches still have RA's and GA's or any mission groups.

There was no new business. Rev. Jack Michaels, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, led in the closing prayer. The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2005.

February 17, 2005

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 17th, 2005, for its regularly scheduled session. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Whetstine (Director of Missions) called the meeting to order. Rev. Greg Hollifield, pastor of Berry Chapel Baptist Church, led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, Beaver Creek, *Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, Grassy Creek, *Liberty Hill and Lily Branch. Twelve people were present.

The November minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. We had an available operating balance in the treasury of $9,965.86. Our savings account balance is $9,058.00.

A WMU report was given by Martha Williams. The Associational WMU helped with Thanksgiving meals. Five turkey meals were bought for distribution at the Episcopal Church and five for the meals given out at the Lighthouse Restaurant.

She gave information on the Christmas project which included the collection of shoe boxes. She reported that 230 local Christmas shoe boxes were delivered; 79 shoe boxes went to the Children's Home; 135 shoe boxes went to War, West Virginia; 178 to St. Charles Elementary School in West Virginia; and 26 went to children at the local Hispanic Church.

The Valentine Project for Brian Center was given to some of the local churches to do and the Food Bank for Easter is going through Shepherd's Staff.

The WMU Annual Meeting is planned for May 9th, 7:00 p.m. at Bear Creek Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be Stephen Sawyer, a renown Christian speaker and contemporary artist.

Eddie Williams gave a report for the Baptist Men. He reported on the tsunami relief in Southeast Asia. He stated that volunteers and donations were still needed and would be for a long time.

He gave the dates on the following events:

⇨ Baptist Men's Conference - February 26, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte

⇨Men's Ministry Conference - April 22-23, Camp Caswell

⇨Disaster Relief Training for Region 9 - May 20-21 in Winston-Salem or June 24-25 in Hendersonville. Over 3000 volunteers in North Carolina have now been trained. Pre-registration is needed.

Richard McKinney, Associational Sunday School Director, encouraged the churches to set a goal for Sunday School and start a visitation program. A Sunday School Rally is being planned for the association.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, stated that Lewis Smith had been invited to lead the Sunday School Rally. He does a conference on "How to lead a child to Christ." More information will be given later.

Old business included the re-scheduling of the Young Pastors' Orientation which was snowed out in January. The new date is Monday, February 28, at Louise's Restaurant in Avery County.

New business included the date for the upcoming Senior Adult Rally. This will be held on Monday, May 16th, 10:00 a.m. at Berry Chapel Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Christian comedian, Gary Claxton.

The new pastor of Liberty Hill, Rev. David Philbeck, was introduced. He was then asked to close the meeting with prayer.

The next Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m., at the associational office.

May 19, 2005

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 19th, 2005, for its regularly scheduled session. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Whetstine (Director of Missions) called the meeting to order. Rev. Bob McKinney, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, Grassy Creek, Liberty Hill, and White Oak. Nine people were present.

The February Minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. We had an available operating balance in the treasury of $10,783.83. Our savings account balance is $2,066.45 after the purchase of a new Risograph copier.

A WMU report was given by Martha Williams. She reported on the WMU Annual Meeting which was held on May 9th, at Bear Creek Baptist Church and on the WMU's participation in preparing the food at the Senior Adult Rally on May 16th. There are no up-coming events for the WMU at this time.

Eddie Williams gave a report for the Baptist Men. He presented a letter from Abundant Outreach asking for help with providing book-bags for school children in the county. After a lengthy discussion a decision was made not to do this as an association, but to encourage each church to do this individually.

Eddie asked for help with furniture for a Latino family. A bed and bedroom furniture were especially needed. Bob McKinney stated that they had a table they would donate.

Eddie also reminded us of the Disaster Relief Training for Region 9 on June 24-25 in Hendersonville. You can go on-line to NCMissions.org to see the many needs of our local area, state area, and around the world.

Richard McKinney, Associational Sunday School Director, encouraged the churches to start a visitation program and to give attendance pins for Sunday School. Richard has been visiting churches around our association. A Sunday School Rally is being planned for the association in September.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine presented new business:

☞ Rev. Matthew Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church is planning a mission trip to Peru in July. There is still room for someone else that might be interested in going.

☞ Dennis Aldridge in the Avery Association is planning a trip to Sri Lanka. He also has room for anyone else that might be interested.

☞ Charles Alonso has bought land for the Hispanic church. The State Convention will be giving them $6,000 to go towards the church building, but a vote was needed for the association to approve this application to the state. A motion was made for this recommendation and it was seconded and approved.

Rev. Bob McKinney gave a thank you for the help that the Baptist Men gave to one of his church members. They built a ramp up to her house.

After no further business, the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Steve Carpenter. The next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on August 29th (at Altapass Baptist Church) and 30th (at Calvary Baptist Church).

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I have had the pleasure of visiting several churches during revivals. It has been exciting to see the moving of the Holy Spirit in these meetings. The time is going so fast. We are hoping and trying to get to each church in the association before the end of the associational year.

We are still working and praying for a Sunday School Conference. I would like to encourage each church to push a visitation program, and also a Sunday School attendance pin program next year.

Lots of churches are working on a visitation program – keep up the good work! May God bless each church.

Richard McKinney
Associational Sunday School Director

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave His followers an assignment to make disciples of all people groups. Christians have been working on the mission ever since, and completing it is finally within our grasp.

"As we move further into the 21st century, we are discovering unprecedented opportunities for completing the task," says International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin. "Creative strategies are providing missionaries access to previously closed and restricted locations. Responsiveness is increasing."

Researchers have been able to identify the remaining people groups that don't have access to the gospel. They know the languages without a Bible and people groups without a church. And they know what it will take to get the gospel to them.

International Mission Board missionaries have a vision of getting the gospel to every people group by 2010. The task will require 8,000 missionaries, almost 3,000 more than the current number. But with more and more saying yes to God's missionary call, that goal seems realistic.

What will it take financially to send 8,000 missionaries with the support they need? An annual budget of $500 million, almost $217 million more than the 2005 budget.

That sounds like a lot of money. And it is. But consider this: In 2004, Southern Baptist churches reported receiving $10.1 billion. If just 5 percent of those offerings were given for international missions, that would make a $500

million budget – enough to send and support 8,000 missionaries.

Hearts around the world are waiting to hear the truth, and when they do hear, many of them will accept it with joy. The question today is not whether Southern Baptists have the resources to make sure those people do hear — the question is whether Southern Baptists will use the abundant resources God has given them to be sure everyone has opportunity to embrace or reject the gospel.

Baptisms for 2004 — 607,132

New churches — 21,028

Our Week of Prayer for International Missions 2005 will be December 4-December 11. When the books closed on the 2004 Lottie Moon offering, Southern Baptists had given $133,886,221.58 – just short of the previous year's total and short of the $150 million goal. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports 5,237 missionaries among 1,225 people groups.

God has a specific role He wants you and your church to play in the Great Commission task. For help finding that role, contact the International Mission Board at 800-999-3113, or imb@imb.org.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

If "two heads are better than one" how much better are 16.3 million? This is the current membership in more than 43,000 Southern Baptist churches across the United States. With a global population exceeding six billion and a command to take the gospel to every nation, we must enhance our cooperative efforts if we are going to fulfill Christ's command.

Churches in your state work together through your state convention to support a wide array of ministries and missions including: evangelism efforts, children's homes, volunteer missions, missions education, new churches, colleges and universities, collegiate ministries, camps, and much more. For additional information concerning your state convention , log on to www.sbc.net and click on state conventions.

The Southern Baptist worldwide missions enterprise is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars.

Every year your church decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through Cooperative Program Missions. This amount is then forwarded to your state Baptist convention. During the annual meeting of your state convention, messengers from your church and other churches across the state decide what

percentage of CP Missions gifts contributed by local congregations stays in your state to support local missions and ministries. The percentage to be forwarded to the SBC for North American and International missions and ministries is also determined at this time.

At the SBC Annual Meeting, messengers from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by Southern Baptist entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors, missionaries, and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral, and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

The bottom line — people around the world hear the gospel and receive Christ.

STATE MISSIONS

If you are a Christian, you have a mission. In Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His followers to "be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Through this Great Commission, Christ gives us a mission and a method for spreading the Good News. Quite simply, we are to begin at home, then extend to the most remote places on earth.

North Carolina Baptists are committed to this commission. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been and continues to be a partner with local churches, Baptist associations, other state conventions, and national and international mission organizations to equip our churches for Great Commission ministry.

Baptist missions mobilization begins at numerous locations in our state, from the front pew of your local church to Fort Caswell to the Baptist Building in Cary.

Through the combined efforts of churches, local associations, and the Baptist State Convention church planting team, new missions initiatives reach more and more specialized communities across our state every year. One of the newest is cowboy churches, which meet in rodeo arenas, complete with ushers on horseback, baptisms in watering troughs, and blue jeans as standard church attire.

Baptists in our state are also directly involved in national and international missions through North Carolina partnerships and special projects across America and around the world. When tsunamis devastated the coast of Sri Lanka and Indonesia in December, 2004, specialized teams from North

Carolina Baptist Men's disaster relief ministry provided safe drinking water, served meals, and administered emergency medical treatment to the people who had no homes and no hope for the near future.

The theme of "North Carolina: The State of Our Mission" for the 2005 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer encourages us to mobilize and equip our Great Commission churches for Great Commission ministry through Great Commission giving. As a Christian, you have a mission. Find your support through the mission opportunities available at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Realize the power of your gift to the North Carolina Missions Offering. Through your giving, North Carolina Baptists are able to support a new language mission church in your town, blind and deaf ministries in North Carolina, and disaster relief work overseas – all at the same time. Your Great Commission giving fuels the mission effort.

Facts and Figures about North Carolina:

→Population: 8,541,221

→Largest Number of ethnic churches – Hispanic

→Number of Baptist churches in state: 3,996

→Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,160,492

Through the sacrificial giving and faithful prayers of North Carolina Baptists, record numbers of believers are mobilizing to fulfill their part in the Great Commission. Equipping churches and training individual members or targeted ministry is a cornerstone of Baptist State Convention mission efforts.

ANNUITY BOARD

(GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC)

The name change from the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, became official with action at the annual convention in Nashville, TN, in June of this year. With the name change comes a renewed effort from the national agency and the individual state conventions to service more effectively the needs of church employees relating to retirement, insurance, planning financial support, church and clergy tax issues, etc.

In an ongoing effort to provide a variety of insurance products priced competitively to meet the diverse needs of our constituency, GuideStone continues to negotiate with insurance providers for the best price. Moving to Blue Cross/Blue Shield Highmark as the primary provider and to the Blue

Cross/Blue Shield national network has saved millions of dollars this year for our churches and church employees. Unfortunately, pastors and employees of our smaller churches (less than 10 employees) are at the greatest disadvantage because of the requirement to prove evidence of good health in order to qualify for coverage. We continue to encourage new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary to take advantage of the 31 day open enrollment period commiserate with their first time enrollment in one of these schools.

The need for retirement planning among our church employees continues to be a challenge which must be met through meaningful educational experiences. The most difficult task is getting the appropriate information to key decision makers in our churches – church treasurers, budget/finance committee members, personnel committees, deacon chairs, etc., who determine what retirement benefits, if any, the church will provide for their pastors and other church employees. Many of these key leaders are unaware of the protection benefits – disability and survivor – in the Church Annuity Plan which are provided at no cost to North Carolina retirement participants who meet the eligibility requirements. During calendar year 2004, 964 disability checks totaling $459,166.09 and 15 survivor checks totaling $328,655.38 were sent to North Carolina church employees and their families.

Without question, the most disturbing part of my work is the large number of pastors who come to retirement with social security as their only source of income. This is especially sad for those who have served our churches for many years and have little or no retirement monies to rely on in their latter years. Presently, GuideStone is providing financial assistance on a monthly basis to 244 retired pastors and church employees here in North Carolina through the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

Finally, it is our desire to increase the level of retirement participation from 5,165 participants in 2,354 churches, which represents 61% of our NC churches as of June 30, 2005, and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102, extensions 320 or 321, visit our web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at 1-800-262-0511, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross,
GuideStone State Representative

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2004, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 42 endowment funds and 17 charitable trusts totaling $2.9 million and received $4.9 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote "Make Your Will Month," Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $9.1 million in contributions during 2004 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2004, the Foundation held $125.8 million under management.

During 2004, our distributions totaled $5.5 million, with charity receiving $3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2 million. During the 84-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $27 million has been distributed to individuals and $47.6 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $74.6 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Celebrating our past...charting our future!...Baptist Children's Homes has set its sights courageously toward the future as it observes 120-historic-years of service. Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson was admitted as a child in care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children. Baptist Children's Homes has touched thousands upon thousands of lives throughout three centuries, never afraid to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

In the dawn of a new millennium, Baptist Children's Homes stands poised. BCH proudly charts an exciting pathway to the future through its new strategic plan: *GuidingStar...Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families.*

Lives are miraculously changed. Tears of boys and girls evaporate and hopeful smiles bloom. Through the remarkable efforts of North Carolina Baptists and the love and leadership of God, Baptist Children's Homes continues its mission of helping hurting children...healing broken families – offering the promise of a better tomorrow to those we serve now and in the years to come.

GuidingStar Defines Bold Path...After a year-long effort led by BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes launched *GuidingStar...Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families.* The new strategic plan was approved by the Trustees in their September 2004 meeting and was officially introduced in February of this year. Comprised of defined core values and determined focus, *GuidingStar* was created with essential input from all BCH staff. Blackwell's vision was to create a strategy that could by utilized for years to come.

Family Gathering II Celebrates 120 Years..."Family Gathering II" brought together all staff members and children from Baptist Children's Homes facilities statewide to celebrate the agency's 120th anniversary. The historic day was held on June 14, 2005, at Mills Home in Thomasville and was only the second time the entire "BCH family" has gathered at the same time and place. Everyone participated in a day of games, singing and a worship program in the campus church.

North Carolina Baptists "Roundup" Food for BCH...The "Food Roundup" was held in April 2005 for the second time in three years. North Carolina Baptists poured out their support by collecting, sorting and delivering essential food and supplies for all BCH's geographic areas. Associations reported church participation was high as Directors of Missions allowed their offices to become key collection points for donations. Volunteers donated their time to

help sort and count the food.

Many Voices, One Story...This year's Thanksgiving Offering theme, "There For Me" represents the pivotal role individuals play in the lives of hurting children. Baptist Children's Homes represents the outstretched hands of God, supported by North Carolina Baptists through their prayer and financial support. BCH staff lends their lives and their hearts daily to care for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of boys and girls. Just as Jesus proclaims in the scriptures, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," dedicated friends have made the same promise to the children who walk through BCH's doors. It is only through North Carolina Baptists' support and commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal is $1,350,000. This represents a $50,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2005 Thanksgiving Offering.

Breaking New Ground...Baptist Children's Homes continues to make a difference around the state. On September 26, 2004, BCH broke ground for two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry group homes in Zionville. "Joy Cove Ministries," the homes for adults with developmental disabilities, are currently under construction on the original Camp Joy property near Boone...Three BCH direct staff became the first child care workers in the state to be professionally certified through the Children and Family Services Association – North Carolina. Two other staff members received certification to train additional child care workers for professional certification...Groundbreaking for the Alerta Bolick DDM group home in Asheville took place on November 30, 2004. The home is under construction...A "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on February 9, 2005 celebrated the building of the Harmony Home DDM residence in Dunn. The home was built in cooperation with Housing and Urban Development and Harnett County's Association for Retarded Citizens...The building of Kennedy Home's new education center was commemorated with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 3, 2005. In partnership with Lenoir County Schools, the facility will house the specialized education program serving Kennedy Home residents and other students from the community.

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Like all institutions of higher learning, your Baptist colleges and universities – Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate provide education for their students. But what makes our Baptist colleges and universities unique

is their mission.

Education with a mission is training and developing knowledge, skill, mind and character with a special purpose. This special purpose is to encourage and enable students to use expanded knowledge, enhanced skills, improved minds and enriched character to impact the world for good in keeping with their faith commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to 550 North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of $1,174,922 in 2004. These students received an average of $2,136. From Mitchell Association 2 students received scholarship aid. These students came from the following churches: Bear Creek and Chestnut Grove.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are impacting the world for good and for God.

Clella A. Lee, President
Talmage Williams, Interim Executive, Director

BIBLE DRILLS & SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

Deuteronomy 6:7, *"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."*

There is no better way to teach the Word of God to our children than through these programs provided through our association. I praise God for these programs. I believe and know that they played a big part in the lives of my three children. When you know the basic things about what God expects of you and the blessings if you do them, then it has to make an impact on our children and youth. I thank God for Bear Creek Baptist Church for supporting Bible Drill and the association for all the materials and the support they provided for us.

My oldest son participated in Bible Drill when he was ten years old. I was so excited about it that I would go and sit in on the practice. I told our leader, which was Vessie Willis at that time, that if she ever needed my help I would be glad to help her. Little did I know that I would be helping that same year and all these years after.

My son and I are still involved with Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. My zeal never changes because I know from experience that learning and knowing God's Word is the most important thing in a child's life. These programs are the basic foundation for all children.

Judy and I love it when new churches call and want materials for Bible Drill. Yes, it is more work on our part, but what benefit is anything if you don't put your whole self into it, especially doing God's work. Yes, after 30 years of involvement, I am still excited. Thank you for letting me be your associational leader.

We had a great 2005 Bible Drill year. There were 13 churches involved with 26 children, 19 youth, and 4 speakers. Forty-nine children in all. Forty-nine children and youth have been given a better opportunity in life to know who Jesus is and how He wants them to love and honor Him always for their advantage.

The following children participated in the 2005 Associational Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth graders.)

Altapass: *Dalton Hughes
Bear Creek: *Amber Ellis, *Anna Jarrett, Tyler Huskins
Berry Chapel: Whitney Maynor, Becky Ramsey
Bethel: Kayla Singleton, Michaela Murdock, Danielle Byrd, Terra Gunter, Kandra Buchanan, Samantha Jones, Jacob Hundley
Cane Creek: *Colton Buchanan, Eden Buchanan, Alicia Robinson, John-Michael Stafford, Zach Peterson
Chestnut Grove: Kasey Lyons
Crabtree Chapel: Ryan Sparks
Freedom: Tyler Hollifield
Ledger: Kaitlyn Buchanan
Pine Branch: *Destiny Jenkins, Haven Jenkins
Roan Mountain: *Andrew McKinney
Spruce Pine, First: Eve Duncan

The following youth participated in the 2005 Associational Youth Bible Drills. An asterisk (*) indicates a three year participant, (ninth graders). We had no six year participants this year.

Altapass: Christopher Henline, Will McKinney, *Ashley McPeters
Berry Chapel: Randy Ramsey, Jr., *Leigh Maynor
Bethel: Mallory Pitman, Brittany Murdock, Ariel Byrd
Cane Creek: Jerri Snyder, Bruce Buchanan
Pine Branch: Cayela Miller, Ashley Thomas, India Ellis

Roan Mountain: Kolby Silver
Spruce Pine, First: Hannah Acuff, Jill Acuff, Zach Acuff, Molly Stroup

We had four participants in the Speakers' Tournament. This is open to youth in grades 10-12 and only one can advance from the association. Our participants included Amber Henline and Roxanne Hughes from Altapass, Erin Ellis from Bear Creek and Laura Waldroup from Bethel. We heard some excellent speeches. Roxanne Hughes was chosen to represent our association at the regional tournament in Forest City. The title of her speech was "Forgiveness Is A Virtue." Roxanne won the regional tournament, and went on to the state tournament at Thomasville on May 14. We are proud to announce that she was our state winner. On June 10, Roxanne traveled to Orlando, Florida, to compete in the Speakers' Tournament with other state winners. She came in third place which was a wonderful accomplishment.

Deuteronomy 4:10, *"The Lord said unto Moses, gather the people unto me and I will make them hear my words and learn to fear me and that they may teach their children."* (Paraphased)

Psalm 78:5-7, "*For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them even the children, which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments."*

We sure are failing somewhere because a lot of children and youth don't know the Word of God and are getting their lives in a mess.

Churches, I challenge you in 2005-2006 to get involved in these programs. It's vital to our nation and society.

We had Bethel Baptist Church to join us this year and Judy and I were so excited. Their enthusiasm was just great. We have two other churches wanting to start Bible Drill. They are not part of our association but the Bible tells us to reach out to all people. The leader showed great enthusiasm about getting Bible Drill started in their church. Praise God and all God's people said, "Amen."

I have great admiration for children and youth who have a desire in their hearts to do Bible Drill, and thankfulness for churches, leaders, parents and pastors who encourage and work with them. God says we reap what we sow and if we sow much we reap much, if we sow little, we reap little. Thanks to all who helped make 2005 Bible Drills a success.

We will have a Bible Drill meeting in the fall, but I am not sure of the date at

this time. Keep watching your *Mitchell Messenger*. We will have some new material and a video to go over. The meeting will be at the associational office. My heart's desire is that all churches in our association would get involved. Please come and we will share all the information you will need for a successful Bible Drill in your church, association and state.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson
Associational Bible Drill Director

WILDERNESS HISPANIC BAPTIST MISSION

We are greatly blessed with the open doors the Lord has given us to be able to move our ministry to Mitchell County and to be able to minister to our "tri-county" Hispanic population.

In March of this year we were able to purchase eight acres of land near Mayland Community College in Mitchell County near our very own Baptist Tabernacle on Ridge Road. We have been cutting and burning in order to clear the land and we have had several churches and mission teams from North Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia come and help us with this endeavor.

We are very thankful for all the support we had from the Mitchell Baptist Association, the folks at Pinebridge enter, and from our own sister churches and brothers and sisters in our community who continually bring us before "The Throne of His Grace and Mercy," "For we are all truly God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10).

We are presently looking into several different possibilities for a church building/training center – so keep us in your prayers as we "...cry out to the God and Father of our only wise Savior Jesus the Christ (saying): Oh, that You would bless us indeed and enlarge our territory! Let Your hand be upon us, and keep us from harm so that we will not be hurt (or hurt others). And God granted their request." (Our version of 1 Chronicles 4:10.)

In His service, because of His great love,
Rev. Charles Alonso, Pastor

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

When 1.5 million babies are aborted every year in this country;

When 80% of church-involved youth drink beer and 47% use marijuana, and these don't differ greatly from youth that are not in church;

When alcohol is involved in 68% of all manslaughters, 62% of all assaults, 54% of murders and attempted murders, 30% of all suicides, 60% of all child abuse, 80% of all spousal abuse, 65% of all drownings, and 80% of all fire deaths;

When the sale of obscene materials amounts to a $56 billion business;

When there is one divorce granted for every two marriages performed each year;

When there is a major push in this country to give same sex couples the same rights and privileges of marriage;

When Christians are actively persecuted and discriminated against on the job, in our schools, and by the government;

When we can no longer pray or hang a copy of the Ten Commandments in our public school;

And when the churches of our nation know all about this and are largely unwilling to address the moral and social problems of our day for fear of ridicule...or because they think that the church ought not to get involved in politics...

Somebody needs to do something!!!

My friends that is what the work of the Christian Action League is all about. The Christian Action League currently represents 17 Christian denominations who collectively and cooperatively address the social, ethical, moral, and legal issues which impact our lives.

The Christian Action League was chartered more than 100 years ago as *The Anti-Saloon League*, and in 1937 at the Baptist State Convention in Wilmington, North Carolina it was restructured to become *The Allied Church League For The Abolition of Beverage Alcohol.* Then because of expanded moral and ethical issues facing the Judeo-Christian family, the charter was amended in 1958, to rename the organization *The Christian Action League of North Carolina.*

The Christian Action League ministers in several areas of vital concern and involvement.

We are in the General Assembly promoting legislation that is consistent with a Christian world-view. We advocate for those measures that strengthen the family and oppose legislation that would erode the family structure. We are

your voice – the Christian voice in the State Legislature of North Carolina.

We are on the front line combating the gambling industry and its highly paid lobbyist in their efforts to legalize gambling and to bring a state-operated lottery to North Carolina.

We discourage the promotion and use of beverage alcohol and other drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and other evils that undermine our society. We also provide education and educational materials, as well as to help communities from coalitions to battle these influences.

One of our most important tasks is training, developing, and motivating Christians to be involved in the political process. We want to mobilize Christians to be as Jesus commanded them to be – the salt and the light of the earth. Christians are to arrests and expose such contemporary issues as abortion, gambling, suicide, sex education, homosexuality, and we provide the information and help needed to deal with these critical issues.

Invitation To Get Involved: I want to invite you to personally become a part of our efforts. And one of they ways you can do this is to allow us to put you on our e-mail list. If you have a personal computer, our e-mail will send to you every week a report about the latest and most significant events in the culture wars. Many times we will suggest some action that you can take to make a positive impact for Christ upon our legislators or some other situation.

Whether you have a personal computer or not, we also would like to start sending to you our quarterly publication of The Beacon. This periodical is our newsletter, which is chock-full of information about social and moral issues every Christian in North Carolina needs to know and pray about. To sign up for this publication: send your name and address to: Christian Action League, 809 Spring Forest Rd., Suite 1000, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Rev. Mark Creech,
Executive Director

PRISON MINISTRY

This report is to thank you for your support and update you on some of the things that have been happening at Mountain View Correctional Institution this year.

For the past year (August 2004-July 2005), we have had 187 inmates saved. On July 20th of this year, I had the privilege to baptize 17 of them.

Rock of Ages Prison Ministries conducts two week-long revival services at

Mountain View each year. While here, volunteers also spend their time visiting with inmates in the pods, on the recreation yard, and in segregation.

On September 29, 2004, the Love Ministry officially began. Each week, 10 welfare inmates are given a small bag containing canteen items. Local churches and other inmates in the unit donate these items. A total of 337 bags have been distributed to date.

October 3, 2004, the movie, "The Passion of the Christ," was shown to the inmate population. A total of 353 inmates attended the two viewings. Twenty inmates came forward for salvation or rededication.

The Redeemed Drama Team, which consists of 15 Mountain View inmates with assistance by community volunteer Eveline Horrell, has conducted three dramatic performances to date. Their Easter production 'The Easter Passenger" saw 151 inmates, 14 volunteers, and 7 correctional staff in attendance.

On June 18, 2005, Forgiven Ministries with Scottie Barnes showed the Billy Graham Ministries video, 'The Last Ride Out." There were 434 inmates and 21 volunteers in attendance. A total of 24 men came forward to dedicate their lives to Christ.

There have been many one-on-one salvations in my office this year and we have had many saved in my services and in services with our volunteers.

Due to the state chaplain departing us at the end of April, I have been working a varied schedule each week. Currently, my tentative schedule is Monday to Wednesday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or just wish to talk, call me at the prison (766-2390) or leave a message at home with my wife. I am available to come and present the prison ministry to your church or be a fill-in preacher if you need one.

Again, thank you for all of your support; it is so very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Russel Hoilman
Chaplain, Mountain View Correctional Institution

What Is A Chaplain, And What Do They Mean?

To some they are nothing, to some they are just someone who puts on a show like they care, to some of us they are more than just a show, more than just a chaplain. To me a chaplain is my friend, someone who cares, someone I can turn to when I need to talk, someone who will cry with me if I need to, someone I can turn to when there is no one else around. He is the dad I never had. Now

you may be asking yourself what is this talking about? (Right) So let me share a little story about myself, if you would please.

You see I growed up with a dad, I never heard say to me, that he loved me. When he killed my mom, he never was there for me. He was always off somewhere drunk. I growed up looking for the love I never had. One day not long ago, was a day I'll never forget. That day, I felt like I'd lost everything, but yet gained everything. Yes, I gained everything, even everlasting life. You see, It was last year I lost a few of my family members. The whole world came in on me all at once. You know at that time I wasn't living for God. I didn't have anyone to turn to. I went to this chaplain to talk and he said things and told me things that I never knew anything about. He let me know that although I felt alone, I was not. He told me of a man who was right here with me, who felt the same loneliness that I felt, who felt the pain I felt. Than man, he was talking about is now my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This chaplain, became more than just a chaplain to me. Chaplain Hoilman became my friend, my brother in Christ, and even more like a dad to me that I never had before. You know he would tell me, Tenn, God loves you "son" and so do I. That's why I say, I lost everything, just to really gain everything. Really sad to say, but coming to prison was the best thing that has ever happened to me. Now you see, I know about the love of Jesus Christ and Chaplain Hoilman. I know how it feels to be loved and to love others. I now have a new mom and dad. That's Chaplain Hoilman and his wife. I also have a very big family, and that is everyone of you. I wanted to take this time to say thanks for sending Chaplain Hoilman my way. If it wasn't for chaplains like you, prisoners would be hurting, because some like myself would have never found Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Thanks for caring about us people behind the fence, thanks for your prayers, but most of all, thanks for my new found friend, brother and dad, who I look up to so much. Thank you Chaplain Hoilman.

Love you, Chap,
Your brother in Christ,
William Hall (Tenn)
Inmate, Mountain View Correctional Institution

P.S. For all you brothers and sisters out there,
prayers are going up for you from inside.
Your brother in Christ Jesus.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to serve Baptists in North Carolina and beyond by providing regular, dependable and balanced news coverage of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of opinion pieces supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, though it enjoyed a close relationship with the Baptist State Convention. In 1939, it became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the Baptist State Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association every year since 2000, including the prestigious Burkhalter Award for news writing in 2001 and numerous first place awards for news and editorial writing, including two in both 2003 and 2004.

As many readers now prefer electronic media to traditional print formats, the *Biblical Recorder* has developed and maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web. Our Website, at www.biblicalrecorder.org, provides much of each paper's content online, as well as access to classified ads, online Bible study resources, and a portal to other news services. The site is updated frequently with breaking news items and other articles of interest.

The addition of a new "blog" or "weblog" by the editor at http://journal.biblicalrecorder.org provides an additional source of news and opinion, updated almost daily, that also provides an online community for dialogue and an opportunity for readers to post their own blogs or comments.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

"As the Lord has assigned to each his task...we are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:5&9)

Your partnership with Baptist Retirement Homes is making possible the care of over 700 Older Adults in five locations across North Carolina.

"We are laborers..." The challenges related to Older Adults are tremendous – mushrooming numbers and mushrooming needs. In response, Baptist Retirement Homes continues to stay on the cutting edge in providing a full range of services: Independent Living in Winston-Salem and Concord; Nursing Care in Asheville, Winston-Salem and Concord; Assisted Living at all locations.

"...together..." It is your prayers and your financial support that undergirds the high quality of Christian care provided by Baptist Retirement Homes. Because you join "together" with us, this year more than $2 million will be shared in caring for Aging Saints who are unable to pay the full cost of the care they both need and deserve.

"...with God..." The great news is not only that we are ministering together in the name of our Lord but also that we minister in His strength. While the challenges are great. His "grace is sufficient."

We have a statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons, the Baptist Elder Care Network – 1-800-887-7410. Web address is www.brh.org.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Founded to Serve: In 1921, North Carolina Baptists were led by God to establish Baptist Hospital. The founding commission wrote, "We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." In 2005, North Carolina Baptist Hospital President Len Preslar affirms, "We were founded to serve and to provide care for people in times of great need. Our mission, 'to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God,' reflects our Christian heritage and sincere commitment to each person we are privileged to serve."

NC Baptists and the School of Pastoral Care: Partners in Mission: By their prayers and Cooperative Program Missions Giving, NC Baptists are vital

partners in our ministries at the School of Pastoral Care. Together we are serving thousands of hurting people and fulfilling our mission – "to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ."

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers

☞An extension of local church ministry through a statewide network of 22 Faith-based counseling centers.
☞24,500 hours per year of skillful and compassionate counseling that leads to emotional healing and spiritual growth.
☞Nearly 50% of those served are NC Baptists, with pastors being a major referral resource.

Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education (CPE)

☞Compassionate spiritual care for patients and families through 50,000 annual ministry contacts.
☞Life-changing education for 55 clergy per year, enhancing their gifts for ministry and care for their churches.
☞Specialized educational programs for pastors and church leaders (hospital visitation skills, crisis ministry, loss and grief).

Center for Congregational Health

☞Professional consultation for nearly 25 churches per month to energize congregations and meet the challenges of the 21st century.
☞Expert leadership development for over 400 ministers and church leaders per year.
☞Training provided to over 1,700 clergy to guide churches in the interim period and effectively prepare for their future.

Church and Community Relations

☞The Mother's Day Offering received $617,341 in 2004, thanks to the generous love of NC Baptists!
☞Every dollar of every gift lifts the burden of Hospital bills for patients in financial need.
☞Patients are drawn closer to Christ in gratitude for the compassion of NC Baptists.

North Carolina ministers and their families receive a subsidy of up to 25% on their hospital bills for care at Baptist Hospital. This is made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with support from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. Nearly $80,000 was provided to ministers in 2005.

We are very thankful for the support of North Carolina Baptists in fulfilling our mission. The minister's subsidy is one way, among many, that we are able to give back.

National Rankings Place Baptist Hospital Among Nation's Best:

- We continue to be ranked among America's top 50 hospitals by *U.S. News and World Report.*
- We are *one of America's top 15 major teaching hospitals* according to the Solucient Top 100 Hospitals, one of the nation's most comprehensive ratings of hospitals.
- We have the highest level of accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JACHO).
- Our patient satisfaction scores are among the nation's highest – in top 1% compared to our peers.
- We are one of the nation's leading Heart Centers, and recognized as one of the "Top 44 Cardiac Hospitals for Women" by *Good Housekeeping*.
- We are ranked as one of the top 40 Children's Hospitals in the nation by *Child Magazine*.

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

Closing words from the President: The crosses adorning the exterior of Baptist Hospital reflect our heritage and hope, our tradition and vision. Our commitment is to serve each patient with the best that medicine and technology can offer, wrapped in human kindness and spiritual care. Our core values guide the way — excellence, compassion, innovation, integrity, and collegiality. We are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in this mission that God has entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

Six Priorities:

NAMB partners with Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions to help reach the estimated 244 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To penetrate the lostness of North America with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ, NAMB is guided by six major ministry objectives:

- Sharing Christ – To assist Southern Baptist churches in evangelizing and baptizing new believers.
- Starting Churches – To assist Southern Baptist churches in starting new, healthy, reproducing churches.
- Volunteering in Missions – To help empower, equip, and mobilize Christians to be on mission with God locally, regionally, nationally, and around the world.
- Sending Missionaries – To recruit, select, train, fund, and or support Southern Baptists for missions service.
- Impacting the Culture – To influence the culture, media, and marketplace with Christ's message of eternal hope.
- Equipping Leaders – To develop innovative leaders, strategies, and resources that help Southern Baptists win North America for Christ.

Few people would debate that North America's "lostness" is deepening. Millions of people – in the United States, its territories, and Canada – still desperately need Christ. They need the gospel presented in ways that they can understand. And they need churches to which they can relate. North America's population is now slightly over 325 million. And it is estimated that as many as 244 million of those people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our media, politicians, schools, and entertainment industry increasingly make clear their view that personal faith in Christ is at best "one option" to be "tolerated." Meanwhile it is an option that more than three-fourths of the people in North America have not chosen. Sharing Christ with those 244 million souls is our mission.

North America is increasingly ethnic and multi-cultural. God is literally bringing the world to our doorstep. One out of 10 (11.2%) residents of the

United States today was born in another country. Last year 1.9 million people from Mexico alone, along with hundreds of thousands from the Philippines, Russia, the Dominican Republic, and India.

With 234 Southern Baptist churches in Canada, we are assisting the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists to take the gospel to more than 32 million people. There are more Christians in China than in Canada. There are 31 cities in Canada with 10,000 people or more that have no evangelical witness at all.

In 1900, there were 27 churches of all denominations for every 10,000 Americans. Today, there are only 11 churches for every 10,000 people. In some states, the ratio is as high as one Southern Baptist Church for every 130,000 people. Canada has one Southern Baptist church for every 127,000 people. North American Mission Board's goal is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches by 2020 – a task that will involve helping local churches start 60,000 new churches.

NAMB is committed to providing the resources and opportunities that will mobilize Christians and churches to be on mission as volunteers, where they live, work, and play. The accomplishments seen in 2004 have only begun to tap our resources for reaching those around us.

Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record number. An estimated 100,000 Southern Baptists were connected with short-term projects through NAMB in 2004. It is estimated that more than 400,000 Southern Baptists are active in volunteer mission efforts convention-wide.

More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 38 state conventions prepared 3.5 million meals, repaired 2,683 homes, and cleaned more than 11,000 yards following disasters in 2004.

NAMB's missionary count as of December 31, 2004, is 5,126. Of this number 3,126 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state convention and local associations, and another 2,000 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.

Through the faithful giving of the Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before.

In 2004, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was generous. Receipts for the offering were a record-breaking $53,845,989.

2005 ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS

"Telling His Story..."

Long before there were state conventions and national conventions, Baptists found other ways to co-exist. Baptist pioneers recognized the uniqueness of the local church, but they also saw the need to find ways to cooperate with other Baptists – people of 'life faith and order."

Your local Baptist association – it's a centuries' old idea, but absolutely 21st Century. For three centuries churches of all sizes and shapes and styles have joined hearts and hands locally to do things together that sometimes were impossible to do alone. Now your local association is finding ways, creative and innovative, relevant and practical to help churches and their members tell His story across the street and around the world.

Sometimes its hard for someone to hear about the bread of life while all they can think about is how hungry they are for something as basic as a piece of bread. You local association is involved in telling His story in word and deed. You and your church can share in this mission endeavor...just across the street!

Barriers of language, distance, possessions, and culture evaporate when those telling His story speak it in love. That's exactly what mission volunteers discover when they participate in an associational partnership or project in a distant land.

Whether sharing a piece of bread and the Bread of Life just across the street or joining an expedition to a faraway place, or getting involved in one of many life-impacting, destiny-defining opportunities locally, you'll find your local association the natural place to tell His story!

Presently in North Carolina, local Baptist churches have formed 80 local associations. Each association has its own unique structure and relationships. Many are made up of churches in a single county, while others cover multiple counties.

Discover how your association can help you and your church go "across the street and around the world."

BAPTIST MEN and WMU

Highlights from the 2004-2005 associational year.

- After the hurricanes and flooding in September, 2004, in the tri-county area our local Baptist men and women, with the assistance of some outside teams completed 66 jobs and provided over 1,500 hot meals

from Friday after the flood until the following Thursday. First Baptist Church used their kitchen and worked tirelessly to feed volunteers, emergency workers, and those affected by the flood. Thanks to Dale Duncan who led the operation for all of those who took time off from work to assist in chain saw work, office work, placing tarps on homes and helping to meet urgent needs.

- A planning session for the WMU associational officers was held on September 23, 2004.
- The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held on November 1, 2004, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church. The theme was "Building a Peaceful World Through Prayer." Rev. Jason Ramsey from Simms Fork Baptist Church was guest speaker. Following the service, everyone was invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and a baby shower for the Tri-County Pregnancy Center.
- The Baptist Men and WMU joined with the Carolina Lighthouse Restaurant to provide Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate in our area.
- The ladies of the associational WMU collected over 200 pairs of gloves for the Women's Prison in Raleigh.
- Christmas shoe boxes were collected from our churches. We had 203 local Christmas shoe boxes delivered; 79 shoe boxes went to the Children's Home; 135 shoe boxes went to War, West Virginia; 178 went to St. Charles Elementary School in West Virginia; and 26 went to our local Hispanic church.
- Eddie Williams, our Baptist Men's director, was team director for an assessment trip to Sri Lanka to prepare the way for others from North Carolina to help with the tsunami disaster. North Carolina Baptist Men sent help to provide blankets, water, tents, school supplies and other needed items. In addition they sent $200,000 to Samaritan's Purse for relief kits and housing materials.
- The Annual WMU Meeting was held on May 9, 2005, at Bear Creek Baptist Church. The theme was "Christ Followers." Guest speaker was Stephen Sawyer, whose ministry is "Art for God." Special music was provided by Curtis and Dawn Hughes. Refreshments were served following the service, by the WMU ladies of Bear Creek.
- The associational WMU ladies were responsible for preparing the food for the Senior Adult Rally that was held at Berry Chapel on May 16. The response was exceptional.

Eddie and Martha asked that we thank each and every individual who helped

in any way this past year to complete these projects and events. It takes all working together to make things happen. It has been a busy year, and a year filled with many needs.

Congratulations to Eddie Williams who was named, "Layman of the Year," at the North Carolina Baptist Men's Convention in February, 2005. Because of his extended work with the Baptist State Convention, Eddie is resigning his position as our associational Baptist Men's Director.

We give our heartfelt "thank you" to Eddie for his dedicated work to the Lord and to our association. Our prayers are with him as he continues to work with the State Convention and the many tasks that lay ahead.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The local association as we have come to know it, is going through a time of significant transition. It is no longer enough for us to try to major on resources, information, promotions and programs. The future of this association is to be found outside the four walls of the office. The needs of our people and churches are changing. The local association absolutely "must" focus more on ministry-based objectives in the coming year in order to survive.

In the past year we have done some of this, but not nearly enough. We have been actively involved in both the Blue Ridge Prison Ministry and in the "Wilderness Hispanic Mission" Project. We provided Christmas presents for the children of Broyhill home and also participated in the North Carolina Baptist Children's Home's Food Drive, which was a huge success. We were privileged to host a Senior Adult Rally in May, and had a record turn out for this event. I taught an associational "Young Preacher Orientation Seminar," and shared with these men about associational missions and how we could be of help to them and their ministries. Our Bible Drill continues to be a blessing each year under the able leadership of Martha Burleson. This past year we had 49 children and youth from 13 churches that participated. We also had 4 youth speakers and one of them advanced to the national level where she won third place honors.

This past year I have visited 25 churches, preached in 3 revivals, worked with 8 search committees in their pastor search efforts. I've had approximately 75 counseling sessions with both pastors and lay people, and attended 23 committee meetings. I helped 2 pastors with the logistics of getting their retirement started, helped one pastor get his disability and helped one pastor get his hospital bill paid.

I could go on, but I'm sure you get the idea. All of these ministries are valid and useful, but, there is so much more that we could and should be doing.

Plans are underway for the coming year. In a few weeks all of our leaders will be receiving a "tentative associational calendar" that will list the upcoming events for the year. Included in this will be a "March For Jesus" Rally, Youth Crusade, After Church in the Park program, "Operation In As Much," a Sunday School training conference, and a county-wide "Lay-led Revival."

A schedule like this will mean that we all must work together, but it can be done. We can accomplish these goals. Day by day, one objective at a time, we can become the association that God wants us to be. God bless you all and thank you for letting me serve as your Director of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

Your Association
is on Mission.

On Mission for God to your unique community. On mission through ministry, evangelism and new work.

Your Baptist Association – churches in fellowship – has accepted the call to be on mission. Now it's up to you to help your association fulfill that call.

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Year ending, July 31, 2005

Church	May-July	Aug-Apr	Totals
Altapass	$ 1,485.00	$ 4,440.00	$ 5,925.00
Bakersville	0	125.00	125.00
Bear Creek	1,200.00	3,600.00	4,800.00
Beaver Creek	575.83	1,514.70	2,090.53
Berry Chapel	1,377.00	3,613.00	4,990.00
Big Crabtree	338.00	1,063.00	1,401.00
Big Rock Creek	100.00	200.00	300.00
Black Mountain	87.30	475.29	562.59
Calvary	204.00	589.80	793.80
Cane Creek	150.00	525.00	675.00
Central	387.68	1,277.81	1,665.49
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	775.30	1,302.35	2,077.65
Fork Mountain	145.00	450.00	595.00
Freedom	645.92	1,504.04	2,149.96
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	900.00	3,000.00	3,900.00
Ledger	0	553.01	553.01
Liberty Hill	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
Lily Branch	714.14	3,293.57	4,007.71
Little Rock Cr.	353.52	1,814.83	2,168.35
McKinney Cove	600.00	1,800.00	2,400.00
Mine Creek	754.92	1,481.34	2,236.26
Mount Carmel	651.61	1,910.39	2,562.00
Mountain View	0	0	0
Pine Branch	2,604.98	3,273.32	5,878.30
Roan Mountain	1,323.79	3,596.05	4,919.84
Silver Chapel	899.36	2,207.46	3,106.82
Snow Hill	464.20	1,389.53	1,853.73
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine,1st	0	500.00	500.00
Toecane	100.00	200.00	300.00
Vision	150.00	450.00	600.00
Western Carolina	50.00	349.53	399.53
White Oak	101.25	184.00	285.25
Totals	$ 17,963.80	$ 49,158.02	$ 67,121.82

PROPOSED BUDGET
2005-2006

	2004-2005	2005-2006
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,300.00	$ 8,300.00
Retirement	4,000.00	4,400.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,200.00	2,200.00
Housing Allowance	5,607.00	5,607.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	17,650.00	17,650.00
Insurance	4,975.00	5,375.00
Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	300.00	300.00
Sunday School/VBS	100.00	600.00
Bible Drill	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	800.00	800.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	600.00	600.00
Summer Youth Worker	0	1,000.00
Special Events:		
Pastors' Supper	0	450.00
Senior Adult Rally	0	350.00
Annual Meeting	0	200.00
Youth Rally	0	1,500.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops (Director - $500 Secretary - $200)	700.00	700.00
Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	800.00	800.00
Secretary	1,312.00	1,312.00

Treasurer's Honorarium	0	500.00
Telephone Cell Phone	1,100.00 0	1,000.00 300.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	4,000.00	3,500.00
Postage	1,600.00	1,600.00
Electricity	1,400.00	1,200.00
Minute Books' Expense	0	500.00
Property Insurance	900.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	800.00	650.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00	800.00
Savings for Office Equipment	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 65,157.00	$ 70,207.00
Budget & Finance Committee		
Rev. Fred Proctor, Chairman Jerry Gouge Peggy Howell Rev. Matthew Grindstaff Rev. Bob McKinney Sondra Stewart, Treasurer		

TREASURER'S REPORT
4th Quarter and
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2005

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Beginning Balance 08-01-04			$ 9,521.75
Designated Income:			
Baptist State Conv.	$ 0		$ 1,203.87
Church Contributions	17,963.80		67,121.82
Community Missions	18.72		10,659.82
Hispanic Ministry	719.01		23,750.19
Minute Book Fund	0		865.25
Miscellaneous	90.00		667.34
Prison Ministry	534.00		3,550.00
Sale of Supplies	75.50		559.25
Sales Tax Refund	516.88		770.55
Special Events	60.50		8,570.20
Total Income	$ 19,978.41		$127,240.04
Designated Expenses:			
Bank Charge		$ 0	$ 107.00
Bible Drill		200.00	399.47
Building & Grounds		409.78	634.63
Cash		150.00	600.00
Community Missions		241.57	10,021.99
Conventions, Workshops		0	665.00
DOM Christmas Bonus		0	600.00
DOM Retirement		999.00	3,996.00
DOM Salary		1,279.98	5,120.00
DOM Housing		1,401.75	5,607.00
DOM Travel Expenses		549.99	2,199.96

Continued	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Hispanic Ministry		869.01	24,350.19
Minute Book Expense		0	1,280.48
Miscellaneous		238.90	2,336.93
Office Expenses		220.24	2,742.55
Postage		435.13	1,531.20
Prison Ministry		1,282.03	6,050.00
Property Insurance		0	935.00
Secretary Salary		3,384.96	13,539.84
Secretary Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Secretary Medical Ins.		1,243.74	4,974.98
Secretary Retirement		704.25	2,313.00
Social Security Allow.		200.01	799.99
Special Events Fund		794.42	9,662.23
Taxes: Federal Medicare Social Security State		 1,110.00 127.92 547.20 375.00	 4,440.00 511.68 2,188.80 1,500.00
Electric		169.62	1,134.24
Telephone		390.51	1,649.97
WMU		216.99	333.98
Youth Ministry		0	300.00
Total Expenses		$ 17,542.00	$ 113,026.09
Ending Balance 07-31-05			14,213.95
Designated Balance:			
Community Missions			637.83
Special Events Fund			10.03
(continued)			

Available General Fund Balance			**$ 13,566.09**
Savings Account Balance - July, 2005			**1,817.32**

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Stewart, Treasurer

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Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Weaverville	28787

Historical Table

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	SERMON
1849	Double Island	Moses Peterson	S.M. Collis	Moses Peterson
1850	Beaver Creek	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	Reese Bayless
1851	Roan Mountain	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	John Buchanan
1852	Grassy Creek	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	James Ray
1853	Laurel Branch	James Ray	S.M. Collis	S.M. Collis
1854	Big Rock Creek	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	Jacob Silver
1855	Bear Creek	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	L. Buchanan
1856	Crabtree	L. Buchanan	J. W. Peek	S.M. Collis
1857	Mine Creek	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	J. Buchanan
1858	Bald Creek	James Collis	J.D. Howell	James Collis
1859	Roan Mountain	S.M. Collis	J.D. Howell	E.K. Blanton
1860	Pleasant Grove	L. Buchanan	S. Honeycutt	S.M. Collis
1861	Double Island	L. Buchanan	S.M. Collis	S. Byrd
1862	Zion	S.M. Collis	J.J. Jones	J.J. Jones

1863	Big Meadow	S.M. Collis	J.P. Dickson	James Collis
1864	Pleasant Grove	S.M. Collis	J.P. Dickson	S.M. Collis
1865	Beaver Creek	John Autrey	J.P. Dickson	John Autrey
1866	Crabtree	S.M. Collis	J.P. Dickson	J.P. Dickson
1867	Mine Creek	S.M. Collis	J.P. Dickson	J.W. Duncan
1868	Jacks Creek	S.M. Collis	J.P. Dickson	Sam Wilson
1869	Roan Mountain	H.W. Briggs	J.P. Dickson	H.W. Briggs
1870	Laurel Branch	H.W. Briggs	W.A. Honeycutt	S.M. Greene
1871	Grassy Creek	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	J.C. Sparks
1872	Fork Mountain	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	J.W. Hollender
1873	Mt. Pleasant	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	S.M. Collis
1874	Bear Creek	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	Jess Whit
1875	Yellow Mountain	S.M. Collis	J.W. Putnam	J.W. Putnam
1876	Roan Mountain	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	L.W. Sams
1877	Little Rock Creek	J.C. Sparks	J.W. Putnam	W.H. Ollis
1878	Grassy Creek	S.M. Collis	J.W. Putnam	S.M. Greene

1879	Cub Creek	S.M. Collis	J.W. Putnam	E.A. Poe
1880	Cane Creek	S.M. Collis	J.W. Putnam	S.M. Collis
1881	Rain Hill (TN)	S.M. Greene	J.W. Putnam	S.M. Collis
1882	Bakersville	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	S.M. Greene
1883	Bear Creek	S.M. Collis	S.M. Greene	S.M. Greene
1884	Roan Mountain	S.M. Greene	J.W. Putnam	L. H. Greene
1885	Little Rock Creek	S.M. Greene	J.W. Putnam	T.H. McCourry
1886	Toe River	L.H. Greene	S.M. Collis	S.M. Collis
1887	Elk Park	S.M. Collis	W.G. Buchanan	S.M. Greene
1888	Mine Creek	J.W. Duncan	S.M. Greene	E. Buchanan
1889	Grassy Creek	J.W. Duncan	S.M. Greene	J.C. Sparks
1890	Aaron	S.M. Greene	W.G. Buchanan	W.H. Ollis
1891	Fork Mountain	J.C. Sparks	D.W. Greene	L.H. Greene
1892	Big Rock Creek	W.G. Buchanan	J.W. Putnam	W.A. Robertson
1893	Big Meadows	S.M. Greene	J.W. Putnam	J.W. Putnam
1894	Roan Mountain	L.H. Greene	S.M. Greene	L.H. Greene

1895	Lily Branch	L.H. Greene	D.W. Greene	J.W. Putnam
1896	Mt. Pleasant	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	G.P. Bostic
1897	Little Rock Creek	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	S.M. Greene
1898	Bear Creek	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	P.J. Shell
1899	Yellow Mountain	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	T.M. Honeycutt
1900	Bakersville	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	A.E. Brown
1901	Liberty Hill	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	J.B. Naugle
1902	Cane Creek	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	J.W. Duncan
1903	Aaron	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	L.H. Greene
1904	Roan Mountain	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	T.M. Reid
1905	Roaring Creek	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	A.E. Brown
1906	Grassy Creek	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	J.W. Duncan
1907	Bear Creek	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	L.H. Greene
1908	Silver Creek	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	S.M. Greene
1909	Bakersville	L.H. Greene	W.F. Dodson	A.E. Brown
1910	Pleasant Hill	L.H. Greene	R.T. Teague	S.M. Greene

1911	Spruce Pine	L.H. Greene	W.W. Greene	J.C. Blalock
1912	Cane Creek	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	A.D. Smith
1913	Fork Mountain	L.H. Greene	J.H. Phillips	J.C. Owen
1914	Lily Branch	J.A. Gouge	W.F. Dodson	C.P. Holland
1915	Bakersville	C.E. Greene	W.F. Dodson	L. H. Greene
1916	Little Rock Creek	S.M. Greene	W.F. Dodson	L. H. Greene
1917	Cub Creek	W.F. Dodson	C. Pritchard	A.E. Brown
1918	Liberty Hill	S.M. Greene	M.L. Buchanan	M.L. Buchanan
1919	Roan Mountain	S.M. Greene	W.C. Berry	J.A. Gouge
1920	Spruce Pine	S.M. Greene	C.G. Ellis	Isaac Grindstaff
1921	Lily Branch	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	C.G. Ellis
1922	Bakersville	S.M. Greene	D.W. Greene	J.C. Thomas
1923	Grassy Creek	C.G. Ellis	W.C. McKinney	C.G. Ellis
1924	Fork Mountain	C.G. Ellis	Clarence Johnson	G.P. Lanier
1925	Pine Branch	C.G. Ellis	D.W. Greene	C.G. Ellis
1926	Little Rock Creek	W.C. Berry	J.F. Greene	C.E. Maddry

1927	Toecane	J.H. Henline	D.W. Greene	J.H. Henline
1928	Bakersville	J.H. Henline	D.W. Greene	H.M. Stroup
1929	Cane Creek	J.H. Henline	M.C. Brown	C.G. Ellis
1930	Silver Chapel	J.H. Henline	M.C. Brown	H.M. Stroup
1931	Snow Hill	J.H. Henline	M.C. Brown	O.E. Sams
1932	Spruce Pine	J.H. Henline	R.N. Young	C.G. Ellis
1933	Roan Mountain	J.H. Henline	R.N. Young	J.A. Gouge
1934	Mine Creek	R.D. Campbell	Ralph Collis	J.C. Owen
1935	Black Mountain	R.D. Campbell	J.C. Greene	I.J. Ingle
1936	Bear Creek	R.D. Campbell	J.A. Hudson	J.H. Henline
1937	Beaver Creek	R.D. Campbell	C. Johnson	J.D. Hudson
1938	Lily Branch	R.D. Campbell	W.H. Pritchard	None preached
1939	Cub Creek	R.D. Campbell	C. Johnson	C.A. Buchanan
1940	White Oak	R.D. Campbell	W.H. Pritchard	W.T. Baucom
1941	Snow Hill	J. H. Henline	W.H. Pritchard	R.D. Campbell
1942	Grassy Creek	J.H. Henline	W.H. Pritchard	R.H. Satterfield

1943	Roan Mountain	J.H. Henline	Frank Parsons	Morris Elliott
1944	Spruce Pine	J.H. Henline	Frank Parsons	Roy D. Keller
1945	Liberty Hill	J.H. Henline	Frank Parsons	G.H. Glass
1946	Toecane	C.A. Buchanan	Frank Parsons	Bruce Buchanan
1947	Silver Chapel/Snow Hill	R.D. Campbell	W.H. Pritchard	Floyd Ledford
1948	Bear Creek/Lily Branch	J.H. Henline	W.H. Pritchard	J.B. Folds
1949	Roan Mountain/Cub Creek	J.H. Henline	W.H. Pritchard	Mack Hodge
1950	Pine Branch/Chestnut Grove	Mack Hodge	Frank Parsons	Park Whitson/Ernest Canipe
1951	Beaver Creek/Mine Creek	J.H. Henline	Frank Parsons	Lee Ayers/Victor Greene
1952	Calvary/Bakersville	J.H. Henline	Frank Parsons	J.H. Henline/Ernest Canipe
1953	Mt. Carmel/White Oak	J.H. Henline	M.W. Blanton	Dayton Jones/Ted Braswell
1954	Little Rock Creek/Grassy Creek	J.H. Henline	M.W. Blanton	Tyler LeRoy/Bruce Buchanan
1955	Liberty Hill/Cub Creek	J.H. Henline	M.W. Blanton	M.C. Swicegood/Joe Sprinkle
1956	Ledger/Spring Creek	Joe Pittman	M.W. Blanton	Brown Jarrett/Fred Harrell
1957	Spruce Pine Central/ Pine Branch	Joe Pittman	M.W. Blanton	Edd Burnett/Jay Hudson

1958	Spruce Pine, First/ Roan Mountain	Joe Pittman	M.W. Blanton	Robert Seatz/William Heath
1959	Berry Chapel/Snow Hill	Joe Pittman	M.W. Blanton	R.M. Cassity/J.A. Buchanan
1960	Bear Creek/Calvary	Tyler LeRoy	Howard Buchanan	Joe Pittman/J.A. Buchanan
1961	Roan Mountain/Bakersville	Tyler LeRoy	M.W. Blanton	Paul Ledford/Ben Lee Ray
1962	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Lloyd Gosnell/Bruce Buchanan
1963	Spruce Pine, First/ Silver Chapel	R.M. Cassity	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Ted Braswell
1964	Liberty Hill/Snow Hill	R.M. Cassity	M.W. Blanton	Bobby Seagroves
1965	Grassy Creek/Bear Creek	Bruce Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	W.D. Hudson/Wade Boone
1966	Lily Branch/Mt. Carmel	Bruce Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Howard Buchanan/Erby McKinney
1967	Mine Creek	Bruce Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Vernon Buchanan/Jack Buckner
1968	Calvary	Bruce Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	C.B. Dickenson/Clarence Buchanan
1969	Spring Creek/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Hugh Borders/Wade Boone
1970	Altapass/Mt. Carmel	Joe Pittman	M.W. Blanton	Forrest C. Feezor/C.B. Dickenson

1971	Silver Chapel/Cane Creek	Joe Pittman	M.W. Blanton	Ernest Welchel/Robert E. Seatz
1972	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Hugh Borders	M.W. Blanton	Max Holland/N.H. Brittain
1973	Roan Mountain/Pine Branch	Hugh Borders	M.W. Blanton	Norton Craig/Maurice Gilliam
1974	Liberty Hill/Ledger	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Steele/JohnRhymer
1975	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Max Holland	M.W. Blanton	Frank Ellis/R.M. Cassity
1976	Grassy Creek/Spruce Pine, First	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Jimmy Upton/Dallas Renfro
1977	Berry Chapel/Beaver Creek	Vernon Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hipps/Bob McCurry
1978	Pine Branch/Bakersville	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hollifield/Lee Ayers
1979	Snow Hill/Roan Mountain	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Gerold Grindstaff
1980	Spruce Pine, First/Mine Creek	Maurice Gilliam	M.W. Blanton	Jim Gore/Earl Henry
1981	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Astor Buchanan/Jim Mizell
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr

1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mt. Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor

1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford
2005	Altapass/Calvary	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Don Stafford/Steve Williams

STATISTICAL TABLES

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	330	300	9	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	2	0
Bear Creek	740	630	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	7	4
Beaver Creek	264	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	544	347	8	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	0
Big Crabtree	230	228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	40	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	156	-	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	123	123	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	263	209	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	217	217	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3
Fork Mountain	57	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	236	-	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	0
Friendship	102	102	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	552	416	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	13	0
Ledger	99	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Liberty Hill	451	381	6	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	11	0
Lily Branch	213	161	6	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Little Rock Creek	75	66	7	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	154	100	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mine Creek	162	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Mount Carmel	288	170	9	0	1	6	0	1	1	0	7	16
Mountain View	43	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Branch	585	475	5	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	10	0
Roan Mountain	192	127	6	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Silver Chapel	168	100	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Snow Hill	248	240	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	4
Spring Creek	190	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	635	440	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	20	26
Toecane	42	20	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	82	82	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Western Carolina	90	90	9	0	1	0	1	1	6	0	5	14
White Oak	130	76	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilderness Hispanic	35	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7736	5786	97	1	15	21	14	15	23	8	104	67

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Intercessory Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Assoc. Missions On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Altapass	1925	1987	C	200	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bear Creek	1830	2001	A	325	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2004	A	60	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934	1999	C	185	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	A	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	2005	A	-	0	0	No	No	No
Black Mountain	1882	-	A	28	0	0	No	Yes	No
Calvary	1949	1991	A	50	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cane Creek	1867	2001	A	55	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Central	1932	2002	D	67	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chestnut Grove	1923	2005	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1997	A	74	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2005	A	18	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Freedom	1988	2005	A	112	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	C	40	0	0	Yes	No	No

Grassy Creek	1818	2002	F	166	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Ledger	1953	2004	A		0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	2004	A	125	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Lily Branch	1859	2003	A	50	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1884	1997	A	53	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	2003	A	60	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	A	85	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	D	85	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mountain View	1932	2004	A	16	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Pine Branch	1921	2000	D	225	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	A	55	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	A	60	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Snow Hill	1915	-	A	46	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	A	120	0	0	No	No	No
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	C	230	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	A	28	0	0	No	No	No
Vision Missionary	1998	-	A	60	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Western Carolina	2000	2000	C	94	1	3	Yes	No	Yes
White Oak	1884	2000	A	45	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Wilderness-Hispanic Church	1998	1998	C	40	1	1	Yes	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals				2932	2	4			

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-Gen. Officers 16-Avg. SS Att 18 - VBS
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-up) 15i-Other Bible Study 17 - SS Not Members

Congregation	15	15a	15b	5c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
Altapass	118	22	16	17	6	12	11	12	2	0	107	8	135
Bear Creek	279	43	15	10	6	20	40	90	10	0	190	0	155
Beaver Creek	51	5	3	2	2	4	5	5	1	0	40	0	30
Berry Chapel	150	5	16	19	10	10	30	10	5	0	105	9	152
Big Crabtree	86	12	13	6	13	16	15	7	0	0	80	12	77
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	13	0	3	2	0	1	4	1	0	0	13	0	0
Calvary	60	6	7	6	2	7	12	5	0	0	50	0	40
Cane Creek	45	2	5	5	4	10	10	4	0	0	40	4	89
Central	107	11	12	8	17	24	12	10	4	0	52	15	59
Crabtree Chapel	97	7	9	12	5	9	21	16	5	0	74	15	76
Fork Mountain	9	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	8	0	0
Freedom	78	11	4	11	0	27	10	11	4	0	70	0	30
Friendship	37	0	0	2	0	1	10	6	6	0	32	4	12
Grassy Creek	174	12	11	28	14	44	14	37	3	0	-	30	132
Ledger	43	1	5	3	0	7	9	10	0	0	30	0	35
Liberty Hill	140	14	8	12	18	7	29	22	7	0	95	0	65
Lily Branch	52	0	5	12	4	5	5	6	2	0	35	4	48
Little Rock Creek	83	7	5	9	2	20	7	7	0	0	53	23	25
McKinney Cove	66	9	6	4	2	10	13	10	2	0	48	0	74

Mine Creek	131	10	8	30	4	14	15	35	4	0	99	8	90
Mount Carmel	92	5	8	8	2	8	8	32	4	15	70	0	79
Mountain View	22	1	0	1	0	1	5	2	6	0	13	5	0
Pine Branch	193	18	16	25	8	17	36	38	7	0	145	0	115
Roan Mountain	86	11	10	6	7	8	12	10	2	0	57	0	50
Silver Chapel	80	5	7	3	4	12	8	12	4	0	55	15	22
Snow Hill	46	1	3	2	2	1	9	7	10	0	46	0	42
Spring Creek	140	24	8	12	10	24	24	16	8	0	100	12	75
Spruce Pine, First	323	18	19	33	30	25	60	53	5	2	180	35	90
Toecane	13	3	3	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	15	0	0
Vision	40	7	7	0	0	7	0	18	1	0	65	80	35
Western Carolina	148	13	18	7	16	17	43	7	3	18	89	20	90
White Oak	40	3	0	8	8	2	8	5	2	0	30	0	79
Wilderness-Hispanic Church	20	5	8	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	12	0	56
Assoc. Totals	3062	291	258	309	196	372	490	506	111	35	2098	299	2057

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Altapass	16	0	0	0	13	3	15	2	3	5	5
Bear Creek	74	10	8	9	45	2	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	66	10	10	30	0	16	30	9	9	4	8
Big Crabtree	28	5	6	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	47	7	7	9	22	2	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	5	1	2
Snow Hill	26	2	5	2	15	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	65	0	10	20	31	4	28	0	0	0	28
Vision Missionary	15	5	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	64	4	4	7	44	5	27	0	0	12	15
White Oak	20	1	0	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilderness-Hispanic Church	35	5	8	4	17	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	471	49	66	94	224	38	109	12	17	22	58

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:
23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 23f-WMU Missions 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17)
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up)

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	24	24a	24b	24c
Altapass	8	0	0	0	0	3	5	7	3	3	1
Bear Creek	70	20	12	10	20	8	0	34	4	0	30
Beaver Creek	6	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
Central	44	2	5	5	15	2	15	10	10	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	24	2	6	4	10	2	0	20	4	6	10
Freedom	17	0	0	0	14	2	1	10	0	0	10
Friendship	9	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	20	0	0	0	18	2	0	20	0	0	20
Liberty Hill	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lily Branch	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	6	0	0	6
McKinney Cove	18	7	0	5	6	0	0	15	15	0	0
Mine Creek	76	1	3	5	43	4	20	32	10	14	3
Mount Carmel	12	0	0	1	11	0	0	17	0	0	17
Pine Branch	34	4	12	0	18	0	0	10	10	0	0
Roan Mountain	20	0	0	0	18	2	0	10	0	0	10
Snow Hill	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	7
Spruce Pine, First	218	5	5	13	40	4	151	66	8	10	48
Assoc. Totals	608	41	43	43	257	32	192	274	64	33	172

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Altapass	$200,914	$ 12,092	$104,482	$ 14,876	$ 5,925	$ 0	$ 1,601	$ 3,527	$ 5,925	$ 8,300
Bear Creek	$369,550	33,600	0	24,400	4,800	3,000	4,429	25,000	10,000	93,696
Beaver Creek	$ 51,775	9,464	0	2,561	2,090	2,561	1,152	1,000	315	0
Berry Chapel	$172,481	9,091	86,246	11,767	4,990	123	0	683	0	7,047
Big Crabtree	$ 34,136	4,064	0	-	1,401	-	-	-	-	-
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	$ 12,183	0	0	592	562	410	75	141	0	1,800
Calvary	-	-	-	0	794	0	0	500	0	0
Cane Creek	$ 32,343	5,809	0	350	675	0	625	625	0	0
Central	$112,032	17,677	3,806	6,702	1,665	642	713	858	760	12,803
Crabtree Chapel	$ 71,720	20,619	0	3,469	2,078	0	0	0	2,057	19,460
Fork Mountain	-	-	-	0	595	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	$108,642	17,984	0	0	2,150	7,150	2,012	3,161	15,354	5,281
Friendship	$ 40,927	2,369	552	0	600	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	$ 29,305	64,605	0	12,000	3,900	3,497	6,993	7,493	0	14,365
Ledger	$ 38,448	5,246	3,600	1,200	553	0	25	1,552	0	0
Liberty Hill	$122,044	2,332	0	2,400	2,100	3,999	1,423	3,000	0	0
Lily Branch	$ 95,340	13,443	0	9,554	4,008	3,550	3,841	4,889	6,002	12,796
Little Rock Creek	$ 47,519	8,603	0	0	2,168	0	500	1,309	10,682	2,614
McKinney Cove	$ 66,421	3,350	0	2,600	2,400	1,100	969	1,281	1,241	1,241
Mine Creek	$ 75,696	7,141	0	0	2,236	588	565	584	0	0

Mount Carmel	$ 8,539	8,269	1,247	4,270	2,562	3,416	354	1,211	764	7,819
Mountain View	$ 0	250	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	50
Pine Branch	$249,528	55,493	9,427	24,915	5,878	1,079	1,305	11,680	3,129	0
Roan Mountain	$103,502	10,334	1,200	9,315	4,920	652	1,048	3,258	2,514	3,754
Silver Chapel	$ 64,594	13,976	1,525	1,600	3,107	1,300	1,232	2,312	8,173	5,806
Snow Hill	$ 66,744	5,718	0	4,325	1,854	420	640	475	0	0
Spring Creek	0	75,432	0	0	600	0	0	0	1,995	9,660
Spruce Pine, First	$328,400	49,480	8,500	23,000	500	2,000	1,088	400	0	49,000
Toecane	$ 2,725	0	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	$ 49,412	27,827	1,214	1,200	600	187	315	280	0	512
Western Carolina	$ 82,000	1,500	250	200	400	0	0	0	6,000	0
White Oak	$ 41,905	2,264	0	376	285	200	0	430	775	2,224
Wilderness- Hispanic Church Bakersville	$ 2,200	2,660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Assoc. Totals	$ 2,681,025	490,692	222,049	161,672	67,121	35,874	31,030	75,649	75,686	258,228

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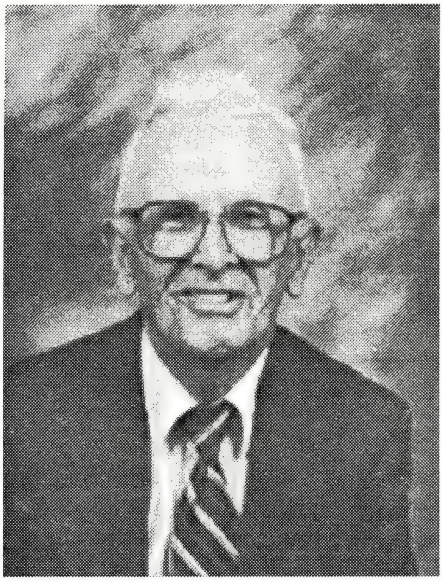

J. Monroe Bridges
July 3, 1919 – August 24, 2006

On August 24th, 2006, Mitchell County Baptist lost a dear friend and tireless worker for the Lord. Monroe Bridges was born July 3, 1919 in Cleveland County, NC. He was married to Vera Jane Wall, who preceded him in death in 1987, for 42 years.

Monroe was a member and deacon emeritus of Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, with 42 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. A devout Christian, Monroe spent his entire life helping those whom he considered to be less fortunate than he was. He was recognized with several civic awards for his service to the public and in 2002 he was recognized by Mitchell Baptist Association for his "selfless dedication to the cause of missions in Mitchell County."

Monroe was a man who believed in living a "Christ-like life." This was exhibited by his years of volunteer service and his commitment to helping others.

It is for these reasons that we dedicate this the 2006 printing of the Mitchell Baptist Association Minute Books to his memory.

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Term Expiring 2008 ..... Helen McKinney
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Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. David Philbeck
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Term Expiring 2008 ..... John Hall
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Denise Davis

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS ..... Donnie Vickers
64 West Mtn. Dr., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine

CENTRAL ..... Roger Burleson
226 Watson Dr., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK ..... Harry Wolk
P.O. Box 387, Little Switzerland
LIBERTY HILL ..... Mack Ramsey
376 Hoot Owl Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH ..... Buddy Murdock
3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK ..... Tommie L. Edwards
184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL ..... Avery Buchanan
96 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST ..... Jean Warren
7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine
WESTERN CAROLINA ..... Chris Renfro
190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK ..... Steve Carpenter
1043 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

SERMONS FOR 2007 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine
Tuesday ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 2007: Rev. Matthew Mills - Chairman, Rev. Steve Williams

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2007: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Chairman, Rev. David Wilcox, Rev. Gene Self

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER FOR 2006: Rev. G.E. Freeman, Rev. Max Holland, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2006: Rev. Mark McKinney

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Carol Sisk, Dale Blevins, Billy Matthews, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Sondra Stewart, Kendra Wengland, Jerry Vance, Ricky Ross, Leann Ross, Decima McKinney

BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, Marie Jarrett, Kathleen Buchanan, Rev. Howard Buchanan, Phillip Wilson, Mitzi Wilson, James Miller, Rosa Miller, Elizabeth Woody, Frank Woody, Matthew Ward

BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Brandon Pitman, Carrie Pitman, Betty Carpenter, Frank Carpenter, Phillip Henline, Beulah Burleson

BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Lou Jenkins, Myrtle Pittman, Edna Grabowski, Bill Love, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer

BIG ROCK CREEK: Rev. Max Holland, Garland Honeycutt, Emory Honeycutt, Tony Honeycutt, Angela Honeycutt, Christine Fillmore

CALVARY: Elden Cooke, Helen Beaver, Saundra Buchanan, Elizabeth Honeycutt

CANE CREEK: Mark Newton

CENTRAL: Rev. Jim Sutton, John Sparks, Donnie Traynham, Shirley Traynham, Sheila Grindstaff, Tim Grindstaff

CRABTREE CHAPEL: Rev. Fred Proctor, Charles Allen, Richard McKinney

FREEDOM: Rev. Donald Davis, Denise Davis, Elizabeth McClellan, Charles McClellan, Gladys Burleson, Naomi Dellinger, Roger Wilson, Margaret Wilson

FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney, Joyce McKinney

GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matt Mills, Rev. Gene Self, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson, Wendell Gouge, Linda Gouge, Evelyn Hollifield, Charles Hollifield

LEDGER: Rev. Shane Buchanan, Beau Thomas, Lisy Thomas

LIBERTY HILL: Rev. David Philbeck, Betty Jones, Charles Jones, Edith Hinkle, Marie Sparks, Lloyd Burleson

LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Tiffany Grindstaff, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock

LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Don Albers, Gordon Lovejoy, Virginia Lovejoy, Tommie Lee Edwards, Rosa Lee Edwards

McKINNEY COVE: Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers

MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Fleet Hensley, Debra Buchanan, Mike Buchanan, Jim Saylor, Jean Saylor, Ann Phillips, Bud Phillips

MOUNT CARMEL: Robert Hensley, Penny Hensley, Joe Freeman, Toby Crowder, Richard Haney

PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Floyd Williams, Pearl Connor, Gil Connor, Daphne Jones, Perry Jones

REBELS CREEK: Rev. G.E. Freeman, Barbara Freeman

ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney, Scott Wholten

SILVER CHAPEL: Mozell Howell, Fred Louis Howell
SNOW HILL: Wes Brewer, Judy Burleson, Morris Burleson, Jerry Pitman
SPRING CREEK: Rev. Bob McCurry
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Jean Warren
TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson, John Laws
WESTERN CAROLINA: Rev. Chris Renfro
WHITE OAK: Marian McNeill, Marcella Bailey

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive

Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio

members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.
2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.
3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.
4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.
5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.
2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.
3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

158th Annual Session
Mitchell Baptist Association

Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Spruce Pine
Monday, August 28, 2006 3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: "Beginning In Jerusalem"

3:30 Call to Order ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator
Prison Chaplain, Mountain View Correctional Facility

Hymn #586 ..... "We've A Story To Tell"
Led by David Thayer, Music Director, First Baptist, Spruce Pine

Welcome & Prayer ..... Rev. Matt Mills, Pastor
Grassy Creek Baptist Church

Committee Report: Order of Business ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

3:45 Director of Missions Report ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine

4:00 Recognitions, Announcements, Moderator's Committee Appointments, Welcome New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

4:30 Hymn #395 ..... "God of Grace and God of Glory"

4:35 Baptist Children's Homes ..... Rev. Lewis Smith
Western Regional Director

4:50 Special Music ..... Pastors' Quartet

5:00 Challenge Message ..... Rev. J.D. Grant
Pastor, Calvary Road Baptist Church, Sylva, NC

5:30 Benediction and Blessing on meal

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator

Hymn #579 ..... "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. G.E. Freeman
Pastor, Rebels Creek Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:10 Family Policy Council ..... Bill Brooks
President/Executive Director, Raleigh, NC

7:25 Baptist Foundation ..... David Webb
Western Area Manager, Development & Trustor Services

7:35 Tri-County Pregnancy Center ..... Mary Ann Higgins
Director

7:45 Hymn #581 ..... "We Have Heard The Joyful Sound"

7:50 Mission Message ..... Tom Smith
Brevard, NC, Missionary to West Africa

8:15 Hymn #202 ..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

8:20 Special Music ..... Brooke Justice and Pure Heart

8:30 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Pastor, Altapass Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction

Central Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 29, 2006 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator

Hymn #204 ..... "Glorious Is Thy Name"

Welcome and Prayer ..... Rev. Jim Sutton
Pastor, Central Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:15 Special Music ..... Pastors' Choir

7:30 Prison Ministry ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro

7:45 WMU ..... Marlene Ayers

8:00 Hymn #583 ..... "O Zion Haste"

8:05 Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

8:15 Special Music ..... Big Rock Creek Youth Choir

8:25 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
Pastor, Mount Carmel Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Grassy Creek Baptist Church
August 28, 20065 3:30 P.M.

1. The 158th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 28, 2006, 3:30 P.M., at Grassy Creek Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Don Stafford. The theme for this year's sessions was "Beginning In Jerusalem"

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "We've A Story To Tell," which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer.

3. Rev. Matt Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors and opened the session with prayer.

4. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev. Chris Rathbone, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. Rev. Rathbone made the motion to accept the program for the 2006 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-six churches were represented. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out at this time.

6. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He gave information on the past year's ministries. He also gave information on up-coming events and dates for the associational year. Rev. Whetstine made the recommendation to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

7. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.
– Lester Evans, Western Area Missionary was introduced; Lewis Smith from the Baptist Children's Homes was introduced and Gordon Benton from Mars Hill College was introduced.
– Rev. Dallas Renfro announced the upcoming Singing Convention to be held at Bear Creek Baptist Church on September 23-24.
– Beaver Creek Homecoming was announced, which will be held on Oct. 8
– Roan Mountain will be celebrating 193 years as a church.
– Rev. Don Stafford called attention to the committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.
– Our new pastors were recognized: Rev.G.E. Freeman - Rebels Creek; and Rev. Lonnie McClellan - Cane Creek.

8. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at the end of the associational year is $15,746.26, with a balance of $2,015.91 in our savings account. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

9. The Proposed Budget for 2006-2007 was presented by Rev. Matthew Grindstaff. The total for the coming year is $70,195.00. With no questions, a motion was made for the adoption of the Budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

11. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, made a motion that the 158th Annual Session Minute Books, be dedicated to Monroe Bridges. Mr. Bridges, who attended Central Baptist Church, was being buried on this day. He was a good friend to the association. Rev. Dallas Renfro, seconded the recommendation and it was approved by the messengers.

12. The congregation was led in the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

13. Rev. Lewis Smith, representative from the Baptist Children's Homes, gave a report on things that had happened in the past year. He reminded us of the Thanksgiving Offering to be used for the Children's Homes and of the Western Area Conference to be held on September 7, at Broyhill Home. He also told us of the Dedication Service that had been held for Joy Cove in Boone on August 27, where Mitchell Association has pledged to give money to help with the cost of furnishing a bedroom in Lindsey Cottage. He then showed a video that had been made at the State Convention.

14. Special Music was provided by a Pastors' Quartet.

15. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. J.D. Grant, pastor of Calvary Road Baptist Church in Sylva, NC. He spoke on "Born From Above," and read scripture from John 3:1-7.

16. Rev. Matt Mills gave directions to the evening meal. He gave our benediction and blessing on the meal.

Break for evening meal.

17. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator.

18. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine."

19. Rev. G.E. Freeman, pastor of Rebels Creek Baptist Church, read scripture from Ezekiel 2:1-2:6, and led in prayer.

20. A second roll call of the churches was given with no additional churches represented. Registration cards were once again handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

21. A report was given on the Family Policy Council in Raleigh, by Bill Brooks, President and Executive Director. He gave useful information on public policies. He had videos for sell, or gave them to churches that would show this to their congregations.

22. A report was given on the Baptist Foundation by David Webb, Western Area Manager, Development and Trustor Services. He gave information on the purpose of the Foundation and how we can use its services.

23. Mrs. Mary Ann Higgins gave us information on the Tri-County Pregnancy Center in Burnsville. She and her husband are the directors. She told about

how many young ladies have come to know Jesus through this ministry. They are always looking for supplies and volunteers. They have had an ultra-sound machine donated and have a new building project going on.

24. The congregation sang the hymn, "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound."

25. Our missionary guest was Tom Smith from Brevard, NC. He and his wife are missionaries in Sengal, South Africa. They are currently on furlough through December.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

27. A change in the progam here with Perry Jones bringing our special music, instead of the scheduled "Brook Justice and Pure Heart." Mr. Jones is the new minister of youth at Pine Branch Baptist Church.

28. Another change in the program. Due to the sickness of Rev. Steve Sisk, Rev. Matt Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, brought the annual sermon. He spoke on "Doing Missions in my Jerusalem." His scripture was taken from Proverbs 24:10-12. He talked about personal evangelism and soul-winning.

29. A request was made for special prayer for Ronnie Cook, a member of Grassy Creek Baptist Church who is suffering from cancer. An altar prayer was called for with Rev. David Philbeck, leading the prayer as our benediction.

Central Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 29, 2006 7:00 P.M.

30. Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

31. The congregation sang the hymn, "Glorious Is Thy Name."

32. Rev. Jim Sutton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors and led in the opening prayer. A special prayer request was made for the mother of Rev. Dean Honeycutt.

33. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-seven churches were represented at the second night's session.

34. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir. Twenty men

participated in this choir.

35. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given. Rev. Dallas Renfro gave information on this ministry. Others spoke on the success of this ministry. Rev. Brandon Pitman, Rev. David Philbeck, Rick Ross , Mike Slagle, and Rev. Don Stafford all gave comments on this ministry. Rev. Don Stafford is our Prison Chaplain. He talked about how Bibles were needed for the inmates. A motion was made for the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded and approved.

36. Our WMU Director, Marlene Ayers, gave a report on the Associational WMU. She reported on the past years events and the upcoming year. She also stated that a WMU Assistant Director was needed and she hoped someone would feel led to take this position.

37. The congregation sang, "O Zion Haste."

38. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.

– Lewis Smith from the Baptist Children's Home was recognized. He presented three churches with certificates for being in the top 200 churches in North Carolina to give to the Baptist Children's Homes. Those churches were: Altapass Baptist Church, Bear Creek Baptist Church, and First Baptist, Spruce Pine.

– Rev. Gayle Brown from the Baptist Retirement Homes was introduced and he took a few seconds to tell us that adults 85 and older were the fastest growing age group.

– Registration Cards were taken up.

– Our Director of Missions stated that after the altar prayer the previous night that we were informed that Ronnie Cook had slept through the night and had even eaten some breakfast the following morning.

– An announcement was made that David Ring was coming to speak at Bear Creek Baptist Church.

39. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. A motion was made to accept this report. It was seconded and approved.

40. The election of officers began with nominations for Clerk. A motion was made to keep Judy Greer in that position. The motion was seconded and approved. Nominations for treasurer were asked for. It was recommended that Sondra Stewart keep that position. The motion was seconded and approved. At the time for recommendations for Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Rev. Dallas Renfro stated that most terms were for two years and he recommended

that Rev. Don Stafford continue to serve as Moderator and Rev. Jim Sutton, continue serving as Vice-Moderator. The nomination for these two positions was seconded and approved.

41. Rev. Max Holland as Chairman of The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2007 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Bear Creek Baptist Church in Ledger, and the second night at Big Rock Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, and Rev. Harold Grindstaff. The dates will be August 27th and 28th.

42. In Miscellaneous Business, Rev. Gene Self, for the Resolutions Committee, presented the following information:

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 158th annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association on August 28-29, 2006, enjoyed a time of worship, fellowship and encouragement, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Grassy Creek Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 28 and the wonderful meal they provided, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Central Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 29; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers of the 158th annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association, August 28 and 29, 2006 express their profound gratitude to Central Baptist Church for their warm and generous hospitality.

Rev. Mark McKinney also thanked Daniel Whetstine and Judy Greer for their work with the association.

– Rev. Dallas Renfro, asked for the messengers to get in touch with their State Representatives and ask why our church signs had to be pulled off of the side of the roads.

– Rick Ross asked for anyone that could to volunteer their time and help for the Gulfport ministry.

43. Special music was provided by the youth choir of Big Rock Creek Baptist Church, with Angela Honeycutt and Becky Garland as their leaders. Their singing was enjoyed by all.

44. The Annual Sermon was given by Rev. Nathan Silver, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. He spoke on "Starting Together at Home." His scripture was Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:46-47. He told us that the Great Commission is our mission.

45. Our Director of Missions thanked our Moderator, Rev. Don Stafford, for

his year of service and for serving on all our committees.

46. An offering was taken for Bible for the Prison Ministry. Rev. Jim Sutton gave a special prayer for this offering. The total of the offering was $675.00.

47. The benediction was given by Garland Honeycutt, one of the young boys from the youth choir of Big Rock Creek Baptist Church. The meeting concluded for another year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 10, 2005

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 10, 2005, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. Rev. Dallas Renfro read scripture and led in the opening prayer. The following churches were represented - an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: *Beaver Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Calvary, Crabtree Chapel, *Fork Mountain, *Friendship, Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, McKinney Cove, Spruce Pine, First, and White Oak. A total of fourteen people were in attendance.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, gave information on the following:

- We have been partnered with a church in Gulfport, Mississippi. We will let our churches know what we need to do when we get further information.
- A Prophecy Conference has been planned for July 18-20, 2006. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jimmy DeYoung, who pastors a church in Jerusalem for seven months of the year and travels the other five. He can be heard on WMIT radio station.
- We will have a representative from the Rutherford Institute in July or August of 2006. They will speak to us on what children and youth can and cannot do in school as a Christian. We are going to invite school teachers and school administrators.
- An Associational Youth Council is going to be put back in place. We would like to have a representative from each church. There will be a meeting in January to make plans for 2006.
- The Pastors' Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 5th, 6:30 p.m. at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House.

Our Sunday School Director, Richard McKinney, stated that a Sunday School workshop was planned for April. He encouraged the churches to push for a

Marlene Ayers, our WMU Director, reported on the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer which had been held on November 7th at Beaver Creek Baptist Church. An offering of $160 was received for the North American Baptist Women's Union. She also reported that 276 shoeboxes were being requested for children at an elementary school in Gulfport, Mississippi. This is where Martha and Eddie Williams are working for the next two years. The shoe boxes need to be brought in to the associational office by Friday, December 9th.

Information was given on the Baptist State Convention which will be held next week, November 14-16 in Winston-Salem. Pastors were encourage to attend.

With no further business the meeting adjourned. Rev. Brandon Pitman closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2006.

February 16, 2006

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 16th, 2006, for its regularly scheduled session. Our moderator, Rev. Don Stafford, called the meeting to order. Rev. Steve Williams, pastor of Pine Branch Baptist Church, read scripture from Acts 9 and led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, *Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Big Rock Creek, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, *Grassy Creek, Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, McKinney Cove, *Pine Branch, Spruce Pine, First, and White Oak. Twenty-one people were present.

The November minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. We had an available operating balance in the treasury of $10,297.06. Our savings account balance is $1,241.96. Mrs. Stewart asked the churches to please continue to support the association and to give as much as they could. With our associational year half over the total income was not yet half of the budget for the 2005-2006 year.

Our Director of Missions gave his report.

→ The trip to Gulfport, Mississippi (January 23-27) included 17 people from Avery and Mitchell Associations. Their project was changed to repair one certain house. Two men were saved as they repaired this home. Another trip in the spring is being planned.

→ An Associational One-Day Evangelism Conference is planned for Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at Grassy Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Bobby Welch, president of the Southern Baptist Convention will be the guest speaker.

→ Our Sunday School Conference will be held on Monday, April 24th, at Freedom Baptist Church. Rev. Lewis Smith will be the guest speaker. The conference will be "How to Lead a Child to Christ."

→ Gave a reminder of the Prophecy Conference to be held July 18-20, with Dr. Jimmy DeYoung as guest speaker. This event will be held at the Tri-County Tabernacle.

The Prison Ministry Report was given by Rev. Dallas Renfro. He stated that Rev. Russel Hoilman has resigned as our prison chaplain. Rev. Don Stafford has accepted this position on an interim basis. This ministry will continue and we want our churches to continue their support.

The Sunday School Report was given by Richard McKinney. He stated that he had been visiting our churches and had enjoyed his visits very much. He encouraged everyone to attend the Sunday School Conference in April.

In the absence of the WMU Director, Judy Greer gave information on the success of the Christmas shoe boxes that were sent to Gulfport. She also reported that the upcoming Annual WMU Meeting would by May 1, 2006, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church.

The Baptist Men's Director, Larry Cate, stated that he was new in this position and would be working with Daniel to make some plans.

Information was given on the upcoming events: Bible Drills on March 25th at Bear Creek Baptist Church; a Pastors' Wives Banquet, March 24th, at Pine Branch Baptist Church; and the Altapass Bible Conference to be held February 19-22.

New business included the following:

A storage building is needed at the associational office. Our Director of Missions stated that he had an estimate of the materials cost which would be around $2,400.00. The building would be built by our Baptist Men. Also some dirt would be needed to fill in and gravel would be needed to go around the front of the building. (This would also give extra parking.) The cost would be covered by gifts from the churches. After some discussion, Rev. Dallas Renfro made a recommendation to proceed with this project. The recommendation was seconded and approved.

With no further business, our moderator, closed the business session of the meeting.

We had a guest speaker, Rev. Lewis Smith, representative from the Baptist Children's Homes. He gave a presentation on the new Joy Cove Homes in Boone. They are seeking to raise money to build and furnish two homes in Boone for mentally challenged adults. There is already a home in Winston-Salem and one in Asheville. These are much needed homes. A room in one of these buildings could be built in honor or in memory of someone and could be furnished in the same way. The cost for one room is $15,000, and to furnish it would be $5,000. This would take place over a three-year period.

Our Director of Missions, challenged our association to raise the money to build and furnish one room.

Our Moderator, Rev. Don Stafford, called the meeting back to order. Mrs.

Jean Warren made a motion that we accept this challenge. Rev. Greg Hollifield, seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2006. A prayer request was made for Russel Hoilman. Rev. Greg Hollifield, pastor, Berry Chapel Baptist Church closed the meeting with prayer.

May 18, 2006

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 18th, 2006, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator, called the session to order. Richard McKinney, Associational Sunday School Director, read scripture from Romans 15 and led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, Spruce Pine First, and *White Oak. Eight people were present.

The February Minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. We had an available operating balance in the treasury of $13,936.16 as of April 30th. Our savings account balance was $1,392.70.

Richard McKinney, Associational Sunday School Director, encouraged the churches again to give attendance pins for Sunday School. Richard has been visiting churches around our association. He stated that he had visited 18 churches so far. He also stated that the Sunday School Conference in April was a good conference, but that he was disappointed in the attendance.

WMU information was given by Jean Warren about the Annual Meeting on May 1, and Judy Greer stated that the WMU ladies had helped with food for the Associational Senior Adult Rally on May 8th.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine presented information on the following:

- The Associational Evangelism Conference on March 28th was a great success, with one young boy being saved. The guest speaker was Dr. Bobby Welch, President of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- The Prophecy Conference is still planned for July 18-20, with Dr. Jimmy DeYoung as guest speaker. He is a pastor in Jerusalem for part of the year, and travels around speaking part of the year. This will be held at the Tabernacle, 7:00 p.m. each evening.
- Our Director of Missions will be starting a new ministry with the Point Man Ministry International. This is a program that ministers to combat veterans. He will be involved in starting "Celebrate Freedom Rallies."

Rev. Don Stafford, Interim Prison Chaplain, gave a report on the Prison

Ministry. Fifteen men were saved in the last month. Rev. Stafford will be involved in a one day camp for inmates to see their children. He also stated that he had been handing out Bibles quite often. He is working only 24 hours a week and hopes to work more in the future. Rev. Stafford also wants to start a Sunday Night worship service with the inmates.

If you would like to have Rev. Stafford come to your church and give a report on the Prison Ministry, he would love to do so.

Richard McKinney stated that the Mountain Outreach Campground Ministries, led by Rev. Morris Stamey was going well.

Old business included:

- Our Moderator asked about the progress of getting a utility building beside the associational office. Our Director stated that it was still being looked into.
- The clerk gave information that $675 had come into the associational office for the Joy Cove Homes in Boone. This is sponsored by the Baptist Children's Homes and is for mentally challenged adults. We were told that we would probably be getting $5,000 soon from one of our churches to go towards our pledge to this ministry.

For information we were told that Altapass would be having Revival Services May 28 - May 31, with Rev. Reid Cooper as guest speaker.

Our Moderator, informed us that our next meeting would be the Annual Meeting in August. This will take place on August 28th (at Grassy Creek Baptist Church in Spruce Pine) and August 29th (at Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine).

With no further old or new business, our Moderator made a motion for dismissal, and it was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund

management.

During 2005, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.8 million and received $7.1 million in contributions to existing endowments an of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote "Make Your Will Month", Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $10.6 million in contributions during 2005 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2005, the Foundation held $136.1 million under management.

During 2005, our distributions totaled $7.8 million, with charity receiving $5.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.1 million. During the 85-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $29.1 million has been distributed to individuals and $53.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $82.4 million.

Nancy V. Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors
M.. Clay Wart, Executive Director

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

"Appreciate the Past, Celebrate the Present, Anticipate the Future"

Across the years Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate Universities and Mars Hill College have emphasized that all Christians are called to ministry whatever their vocation. Each of the schools has in the past and continues to assist students in understanding how they can live out their calling and faith in the world.

Each of the schools also places a high priority on educating persons for vocational ministry and missions. In 2005 there were 495 Ministerial Students in our North Carolina Baptist universities and college.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State

Convention provided financial aid to 551 North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of $1,176,551 in 2005. These students received an average of$2,135. From Mitchell Association 3 students received scholarship aid. These students came from the following churches: Bear Creek, Liberty Hill and Vision Missionary.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are honoring your heritage as you impact the world for good and for God.

Jesse J. Croom, President
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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Miraculously, Cooperative Program Missions Giving translates dollars and cents into salvation, caring, compassion, healing, Bible studies, new churches, people prepared to minister and serve. In other words, churches partnering with God in His Kingdom business!

Here are some examples of what North Carolina Baptists are doing these days through missions giving:

- start some 75 new churches a year.
- reach foreign-born immigrants for Christ and start new churches among language/ethnic groups who have a growing presence across the state. Baptist workers have started some 400 congregations among Chinese, Haitians, Iranians, Koreans and others. There are now 111 Baptist congregations of deaf people in North Carolina.
- train thousands of NC Baptists in witnessing and evangelism each year.
- care for more than 2,000 children through Baptist Children's Homes of NC
- help scores of adult NC Baptists get the education needed to become ministers able to serve churches.
- minister to college students on 18 college/university campuses and help hundreds of NC Baptist students get a university education.
- care for some 700 senior adults in five facilities across the state, providing more free care to needy seniors than any other church-related facility.
- provide healing and comfort to thousands of people through NC Baptist Hospital's pastoral ministry.
- help thousands of NC Baptists either come to a saving knowledge of Jesus

Christ or learn how to serve Him, through several camp and conference center programs.

Baptists set up their unified giving plan so they could partner with God in reaching a lost world for Him. Quite simply, Cooperative Program Missions Giving enables North Carolina Baptists to have Acts 1:8 churches.

You and your church help miracles happen every day through this simple giving program. Ask your church to consider raising its Cooperative Program Missions Giving by just one percent. If enough North Carolina Baptist churches do that, it will mean millions of dollars for ministry and outreach – and will result in more lives changed for God.

This giving process is congregation-controlled. It's nothing imposed by outsiders or administrators. North Carolina Baptist churches set their own budgets, including what percentage of those budgets will be forwarded for missions to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary month by month.

Four basic giving plans and other options give congregations vital choices in Cooperative Program Missions Giving. The budget recommended for 2005 was $35,675,000.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Last year, IMB personnel and their Baptist partners engaged 137 people groups with the Gospel for the first time – with a combined population of 121 million. A "people group" consists of people who share a common language and customs. IMB personnel shared God's Word among 1,193 total people groups. All 11 administrative regions reported work among unreached people groups – those with less than 2 percent evangelical believers.

In Cuba alone, Southern Baptists and their partners reported more than 5,000 house churches and prayer houses. In all, Southern Baptists reported 17,676 new churches overseas (108,713 total churches).

The Northern Africa and Middle East administrative region reported a 52 percent increase in baptisms over the previous year (459,725 baptisms).

Itinerant "home missionaries" in Burkina Faso are going into villages leading discipleship training and forming cell groups (970,924 church members in Discipleship Training).

Outreach groups are established with the intent to win the lost to Christ and develop the groups into churches. The Northern Africa and Middle East region reported over 2,200 outreach groups (a total of 50,637 outreach groups).

"God is raising up local believers whose changed lives have a significant spiritual impact on their relatives and friends," reported one Christian worker in Central Asia (a total of 7,337,135 total church membership).

Training includes a theological education by extension, correspondence

courses, short-term residential and other on-the-job training programs. In Thailand, 1,550 prisoners participated in a Bible-training course (128,010 in Nonresidential Leadership Training).

In the Central Asia administrative region, second-generation churches are doing discipleship training, many in rural house-church networks (477,670 new believers in Discipleship Training).

German Russians comprised 66.7 percent of the people in the Western Europe administrative region involved in residential leadership training (21,899 participated in Residential Leadership Training).

This report relays information that International Mission Board personnel and their Baptist partners overseas have witnessed. Southern Baptists can rejoice in the ways God continues to expand His Kingdom!

Most Southern Baptist churches participate in international missions primarily through giving financial support to the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.. Missionaries world-wide rely on faithful gifts and prayers of supporting churches to continue missions work.

Progress in fulfilling the Great Commission in not measured by what we do one year compared with previous years. It is whether we are pushing back the edge of lostness and making the Gospel accessible to every tribe, people, tongue and nation.

STATE MISSIONS

When people are hurting and in need you respond. But what compels someone to leave the comfort of a warm and secure home and go into a prison environment where the outcasts of society live, and minister to them and their families? Why would you go to the uttermost parts of the earth to provide clean drinking water and homes for people who persecute Christians, but who have lost everything? Could it be that the love of Jesus Christ is the motivation that brings you...and other North Carolina Baptists together for a common mission? Because you know the love of Jesus...you respond...because you care.

The North Carolina Missions Offering meets needs, plants churches and reaches people for Christ. Here are some examples:

Local church: The North Carolina Missions Offering assists new church starts such as La Communidad Internacional Fellowship in Western North Carolina. The new work has members from 14 different Spanish-speaking nations.

Associations: The two Medical/Dental buses are supported through the offering. Last year, medical and dental volunteers, working with associations, treated 4,000 patients.

State: Benny Langston, a Baptist Men's disaster relief worker, used his heavy

State: Benny Langston, a Baptist Men's disaster relief worker, used his heavy equipment to lift huge trees from people's homes following Hurricane Isabel. Dorothy Gaston, a former drug addict and prison inmate, is now a Woman's Missionary Union volunteer at a special retreat for inmates at Camp Mundo Vista.

National: Volunteers from North Carolina Baptist churches are helping build a larger, new facility for the Graffiti Center in New York City. This work was made possible by partnership agreements. More than 4,000 North Carolina volunteers have served in Alaska and helped advance the work there.

International: Partnerships in Armenia, Malaysia, Honduras and Cuba combined with special projects around the world, are involving thousands of North Carolina volunteers each year.

Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina: Ministries include training events such as Missions Extravaganza; restorative justice such as Camp Angel Tree and Women's Prison Retreat; Baptist Nursing Fellowship; Christian Women's Job Corps; Operation Christmas Child; missionaries and their families; mentoring; minister's wives; camp; national and international partnerships.

North Carolina Baptist Men: Ministries include training events such as the NC Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention; Medical/Dental Bus; Baptist Healthcare Fellowship; disaster relief; Baptist Builders; Family Foundations; camp; agricultural; aviation; sports; Lay Renewal; Lay Revival; Baptist Educators; prayer support; resort and leisure; correctional, including Camp Angel Tree; national and international missions partnerships.

Scripture teaches us that faith without works is dead. The North Carolina Missions Offering provides a way to put life into your faith. Through this special offering you're given the opportunity to participate in numerous mission experiences such as the prison ministries and mission education of Woman's Missionary Union, disaster relief ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men, church planting and language ministries, ministries for people with special needs, partnerships with associations, camps and chaplaincy ministries. These are all part of the life changing efforts made possible...because you care.

It's no secret... the word is out...North Carolina Baptists are a missions people with a caring spirit. Truly, North Carolina is the State of Our Mission.

2006 ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS

"Change Your World...Resourcing Church Vision"

"Changing Your World...Resourcing Church Vision" is more than just a nice sounding phrase.

Call...Tell His Story...and Change our World."

God has chosen to use us, the Bride of Christ, to be on the front lines of service and to see lives that are changed for eternity, broken hearts that are mended, and relationships that were once strained being restored.

Your local Southern Baptist Association is positioned in one of the most strategic and crucial places where it can resource churches that are focused on their mission and seeking to carry out their unique God-given vision in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The local Association find itself in a position of honor as it affirms the primacy of the church and assists the church as it shares the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Associations around the country from every location, context, and culture are resourcing the vision of their churches.

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

During the past year significant strides have been made to provide the very best service to employees of our churches and agencies who are active participants in the retirement plan, jointly administered by GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, and the Baptist Convention of NC, Inc., and to those who have purchased insurance products from GuideStone. Through a contractual agreement with Morningstar Associates, LLC, a registered investment advisor, retirement participants now have access online to a leading innovator in offering retirement advice. Specifically, Morningstar Retirement Manager offers objective, expert recommendations and resources to help participants make clear decisions about their retirement plans. Never before have we been able to offer this incredible service at no cost to our retirement participants.

In the life and health areas enhancements continue to be made to provide additional flexibility in plan options, deductibles and competitive rates. Taking advantage of significant discounts through Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, medical plan rates have been stabilized. While over 40% of personal plan participants received a decrease in rates in 2005, over 57% of personal plan medical participants received a decrease in rates for 2006. Additionally, the two Medicare supplement plans offered to retirees also received rate decreases in 2006. The 31 day open enrollment period for new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary continues to be an attractive option for that target group.

During the past year the importance of the protection benefits (disability and survivor), which come free to those who are active participants in the Church Retirement Plan and who are serving an eligible church, was magnified with 100 participants receiving disability protection benefits and 40 families

receiving survivor benefits because of that many deaths among our church employees. One widow, whose pastor/husband in his early 50's suffered a stroke and died within ten days, received a survivor benefit check in the amount of $50,000 in addition to the money in his retirement account. The survivor check of $50,000 came quickly (also tax free) and proved to be a "life saver" to this widow. As in previous years, the great challenge is to educate our church employees and key lay leaders in our churches about these great benefits provided at no cost to those church employees who meet the eligibility requirements.

Furthermore, we gladly cooperate with the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of June 30, we have 222 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines, receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Unfortunately, others could be assisted if we only knew who they were.

In conclusion, it is our strong desire to increase the level of retirement participation and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross
GuideStone State Representative

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The *Biblical Recorder* is now in its 173rd year of service to Baptists in North Carolina, a ministry that now extends around the world. The *Recorder's* mission is "to further Christ's kingdom among North Carolina Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion."

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833 and has served since that time as the official news journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, even though it was privately owned and operated until 1939, when it became a convention agency. As it has from the beginning, the *Recorder* relates to the full spectrum of BSC churches, and reports on matters of interest to them.

In keeping with principles outlined in its charter and reflected in the Baptist State Convention Articles and Bylaws, the *Recorder* staff works "to maintain and safeguard the inalienable rights and privileges of a free press, these rights and privileges being consistent with the traditional Baptist emphasis upon the

and privileges being consistent with the traditional Baptist emphasis upon the freedom, under Christ, of both the human spirit and Baptist churches."

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association every year since 2000, including the prestigious Burkhalter Award for news writing in 2001 and numerous first place awards for news and editorial writing.

As many readers now prefer electronic media to traditional print formats, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web. The Website, *www.biblicalrecorder.org,* provides much of each paper's content online, as well as access to classified ads, online Bible study resources, and a portal to other news services. The site is updated frequently with breaking news items and other articles of interest.

A "blog" or "weblog" by the editor at *http://journal.biblicalrecorder.org* offers an additional source of news and opinion that also provides an online community for dialogue and an opportunity for readers to post their own blogs or comments.

The *Recorder* currently averages about 45,000 print copies per issue, most of which are read by more than one person. In addition, *www.biblicalrecorder.org* attracts more than 250,000 unique readers per month, giving North Carolina Baptists' state paper a wider reach than ever before.

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PRISON MINISTRY

May I take this time to say thank you for placing your confidence in me as your new chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. I began this ministry on March 1st. Since that time we have seen 79 souls saved and 106 rededications. We were honored to baptize 18 inmates in June of this year.

The "Forgiven Ministries" with Scottie Barnes came again in March and showed a Christian film along with several men on the team witnessing to the inmates, and the ministry provided some much needed cosmetics for all the prisoners. There were over 500 inmates who attended the service and 51 of

them professed Christ as Savior.

In May the "Forgiven Ministries" team came and brought the children of our inmates to spend the day with their fathers. Several volunteers from around the community helped with this ministry.

Also in April, the Liberty Hill Baptist Church brought supper for about 125 inmates and the Redeemed Drama Team that are inmates (about 15 - 20) put on the Passion of Christ play and the pastor of Liberty Hill Church, Reverend David Philbeck spoke to the congregation and gave an invitation where 4 inmates were saved.

Also, the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted a three-day revival. There were 276 men in attendance and 6 inmates were saved.

In July, "Truth in Love Ministries" with Donnie Burns conducted three days of special services. There were 239 men in attendance and several men rededicated their lives to Christ.

I also want to say that several volunteers from the community have helped us a lot and I really appreciate them very much.

Again, may I say thank you for your continued support and a special thank you to those who have recently started supporting us. May God bless you.

Rev. Don Stafford
Prison Chaplain

A CHAPLAIN

By Tennessee

Last year I wrote about what a Chaplain was to me, and yes, this year he's the same as he was to me last year. You see, to some of us, when we have hard times and it seems like no one cares, there's always a Chaplain that does. You see, the year has been real hard for me again, without a Chaplain I most likely would not be here today to write this because on June 21st they found my baby girl dead, and I could not handle that alone. So Chap helped me with the pain, I never had a Dad to cry to, I never had a true friend to call on, but God has blessed me with someone that would pray with me, talk. with me, and even cry with me. And that someone is the Chaplain here at Mountain View.

It's sad that some of us have to come to a place like this to really find what is missing in a lot of our lives. You may ask yourself what is he talking about? Well, like I said, I never really had a father to tell me how he loves me or to cry with me, but since I've been here, I've truly found a what I have been missing all these years - a Chaplain to me is a true father figure.

Thanks to the good people on the outside that works it out so we in prison

could have a chaplain who truly cares about people like myself,

If it hadn't been for a chaplain I would still be looking for that father figure. And thanks so much to everyone that makes it possible for prisoners to have a true Man of God as a Chaplain and a father.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This has been another great year of visiting your churches. I have visited 21 churches this past year. I have found a warm welcome and enjoyed each visit. I didn't get to visit all the churches, but I will try to get to them next year.

I've had to go during revivals and special events, even on snow days. So when you are having revivals, try to put them in the *Mitchell Messenger*, so we will be informed of your services.

The Sunday School Conference we had was really good. We were taught how to lead young people to Christ and help them understand it.

With the new associational year starting, I would like to encourage each church to start the attendance pins program. God bless you all.

Sunday School Director,
Richard McKinney

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Since 1923, when the first patient was admitted to Baptist Hospital, our mission has been to extend the healing ministry of Christ. We are strongly committed to excellence in caring for our patients. Every day for every patient, we seek to combine the latest science of modern medicine with the art of human compassion in the name of Christ's love. Our mission, consistent with our Baptist heritage, is a sacred privilege: "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God."

• We continue to be ranked among the top 50 hospitals in America by *U.S. News and World Report.*
• Our Comprehensive Cancer Center is ranked among the top centers in the nation for cancer care.
• Our Heart Center is designated a Cardiac Center of Excellence by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.
• Our neurosurgeons are among the nation's leaders in developing treatments for diseases affecting the brain and spine.

• Our Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units provide the highest level of specialized care.
• We are in the top 2 percent in patient satisfaction among our peers in the United States.

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

We are privileged to be partners in ministry with North Carolina Baptists. Through the support of cooperative giving, we are able to provide compassionate and life-changing ministry to thousands of hurting people every year. We are grateful to be on mission for N.C. Baptists, fulfilling our purpose – "to provide ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." All of our ministries find their focus and heart in this mission.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the mission of churches through pastoral counseling ministries to people whose lives have been shattered by emotional pain.
• 25,000 client visits will be made in 2006, with ministers being the largest referral source.
• Our statewide network of 20 CareNet centers across North Carolina is among the largest in the nation.
• Thanks to N.C. Baptists, no one is turned away for lack of resources.
• *"We could never say thank you enough to CareNet for helping our hurting daughter find healing from the darkness of depression."* – N.C. Baptist pastor

The Center for Congregational Health is strengthening the ministry of churches through highly skilled, Christ-centered consultation services and leadership development programs.
• Consultants help nearly 25 churches per month with strategic planning, team development and reconciliation ministries.
• 400 ministers and church leaders per year receive expert leadership training.
• Interim ministry has been provided to over 1,800 clergy, with 82% of churches reporting improved spiritual health after their service.
• *"Our church has a greater sense of hope, direction and confidence thanks to our interim minister from the Center for Congregational Health."*

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department is providing compassionate ministry to our patients, families and staff and life-changing training for clergy.
• 56,396 ministry contacts were made in FY 2005, and increase of 13%.
• 42 ministers and seminary students completed our Clinical Pastoral Education training programs in 2005, one of the largest accredited centers in America.

• Our chaplains will lead 260 worship services at the Medical Center in 2006.
• *"The training at Baptist Hospital put life back into my faith."* – Baptist minister

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering reached a record high of $664,744 in 2005! Every dollar of every gift lifts the anxious burden of hospital bills for our patients in serious financial need. Having no where to turn for help, Christ reaches out to them through you. Their lives are changed by the power of gratitude.

"I've could never say thank you enough for the help of the Mother's Day Offering. I've faced some hard times and was so worried about my hospital bill. This gift blessed me so much and strengthened my walk with Christ."

"I was so overwhelmed by this gift that I couldn't help but cry tears of joy. I never thought I'd be in a situation like this, needing help and not knowing where to turn. I praise God for people who reach out to help. Please thank them with all my heart."

"The Minister's Subsidy was a tremendous blessing to our family." North Carolina Baptist ministers and their families benefit from a subsidy of up to 25% on hospital bills for care they receive at Baptist Hospital. The subsidy is provided by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund with help from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. A total of $76,875 was provided in FY 2006.

Serving our patients and their families, providing them with medical expertise marked by excellence and compassion, is a sacred trust. We are committed to being the best among the best of health care providers. We are sincerely grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in this mission of Christ's healing love.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Many Voices, One Story...North Carolina Baptists attending the Baptist State Convention Tuesday evening, November 15, 2005, sat as the lights in the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem dimmed. Messengers and guests arrived anticipating the night's report from Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Every five years, the Institution presents a 30-minute expanded report, which any people view as the highlight of the convention.

The crowd present this night leaned forward as the first child stepped to the microphone to tell her story. Children and residents representing BCH's four campuses, wilderness camping program, group homes and developmental disabilities ministry filled the stage area. The 2005 meeting was BCH's opportunity to share the ministry through children's testimonies and songs while highlighting the Institution's 120th anniversary.

BCH president Michael C. Blackwell enthusiastically addressed the group declaring, "We are uniquely, proudly, passionately, and incurably a part of the North Carolina Baptist family."

To close the presentation, Broyhill Home resident Jennifer and developmental disabilities resident Marcie sang "Jesus Loves Me."

"These are God's miracle children...," Blackwell said. "I want you to see in those eyes the eyes of our God who loves children."

But the true pinnacle of the evening for one special child occurred away from the eyes of messengers.

"We were all saying goodbye when I looked down and saw Jennifer crying," said Lou Arnsdorff, Jennifer's child care worker. (Jennifer had just sung on stage.)

A tearful Jennifer told Arnsdorff, "I just want to ask Jesus into my heart." In a crowded hallway outside the auditorium, Jennifer accepted Christ as her Savior.

Show you love...This year's Baptist Children's Homes' offering theme, "Show You Love," represents the pivotal role individuals and churches play in the lives of hurting children.

North Carolina Baptists show their love through their prayer and financial support. It is only through this commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide offering goal is $1,375,000. This represents a $25,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2006 Offering Campaign.

Biography Unveiled...The biography of BCH president Michael C. Blackwell was published and officially unveiled to the public in April. *Just Call Me Mickey: From Mill Village to Mills Home, The Journey of Michael C. Blackwell* was written by the late Wint Capel, former editor of the *Thomasville Times*. The book chronicles Blackwell's life from his humble beginnings as a boy living in the mill village town of Gastonia to becoming president of one of the largest private children's homes in the southeast United States.

New PMG members named...Baptist Children's Homes president Michael C. Blackwell announced several key administrative appointments in June. Nancy McNeill was named BCH's Executive Vice President (EVP) of Operations overseeing the statewide Institution's day-to-day operations. Jim Edminson was

appointed as BCH's Institutional Director for Communications directing the agency's statewide communications. Shane Nixon has been named BCH's Institutional Director of Information Services directing BCH's technology services and broadening his role of service. McNeill, Edminson, and Nixon will serve on Blackwell's President's Management Group (PMG).

Former resident, BCH child care worker, and administrative office manager Jennifer Shore was appointed Executive Assistant to the President and longtime staff member Ron Richardson was named Manager, Institutional Support Services.

Dedicated to the Glory of God...Baptist Children's Homes set its sights towards the future expanding its services to children and families.

• The Alverta Bolick Home in Asheville was dedicated in May. The facility is home to developmentally disabled adults in the Asheville area.

• The campaign to build two similar facilities for special needs adults in the Sanford community began in August 2005.

• A state-of-the-art education center in Kinston was dedicated in July. The new Reverend Kenneth E. Haigler & William "Bill" Overcash Education Center offers an on-campus school to residents at BCH's Kennedy Home.

• The Winifred Lindsay and Three Forks Homes for developmentally disabled adults were dedicated August 27 in Boone.

• Groundbreaking for DDM homes in Sanford and Asheboro will take place September 10 and October 14 respectively.

WMU

This has been a good year in Mitchell Association's WMU. All praise goes to our Heavenly Father who allows us to be a part of the *Great Commission.* Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Beaver Creek Baptist Church, Monday, November 1st. It was just that – a night of prayer. We prayed along with Baptist women around the world from the same prayer list. There was great power and joy in that. We had good attendance as we usually do.

Martha Williams resigned as Mitchell Association's WMU Director last fall. Martha and her husband, Eddie, gave up good jobs to go to Gulfport, Mississippi, for a two-year commitment in full-time missions. They left their home to live in a camper on the parking lot of Pass Road Baptist Church in all the dirt and devastation of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Lord took them there to help restore and rebuild broken lives through sharing the love of Christ. Even though we miss them we praise the Lord for people like Eddie and Martha who give all to gain everything. Let us pray faithfully for them knowing this is all part of the Lord's plan.

I was assistant WMU Director, so it was my opportunity to carry on the work. We didn't have a lot of time to get things together for our Christmas projects, but Martha called and said there was a great need there for Christmas shoeboxes for the children at Pass Road Elementary School in Gulfport. With a lot of help we got it together asking the Lord to provide the shoe boxes needed and someone to take them to Gulfport. Prayer works! He provided 300+ shoeboxes and he provided Travis and Mitzi Buchanan to take the shoeboxes down and help distribute them. Mitzi said it was such a joy to do that even though it was a fast trip down. Praise the Lord for faithful servants.

Mitchell Association's WMU helps every year with Christmas gifts for the Women's Prison of North Carolina. Each association in North Carolina is asked to provide items to go in gift boxes. These items are sent to the state office and volunteers there fill the boxes, wrap them in red paper and include a card with each one that says, "From Baptist Women of North Carolina." This year Mitchell Association's WMU is to provide 1,500 ballpoint pens for the gift boxes, which we are in the process of collecting. This has been a great blessing and witness to these women, being the only Christmas gift some of them get. *"I was in prison and you visited me."*

We provided diapers this year for Tri-County Pregnancy Center. For some of our churches this is an on-going ministry.

Another one of our projects this year is helping Yancey County Baptist Assocation collect Campbell soup labels in an effort to acquire a van for use with their Hispanic Mission Church as well as other missions. We hope you will help us with this. Even soup labels can be used for the Lord's Glory.

The Annual Mitchell Association WMU Celebration was held at Liberty Hill Baptist Church on May 1, 2006. We had 64 present and 11 churches represented. Guest speaker was Randy Bonner, pastor of Western Carolina Baptist Church. Randy and his wife Michelle are Appalachian Church Planters and have started four new churches. Randy spoke on the importance of prayer in WMU or any ministry.

Our mission challenge was given by Associational Brotherhood Director, Larry Cate. He challenged us to work together in one accord as an association. He spoke on plans for a mission trip to Florida this summer, asking people to be willing to volunteer for missions. Larry and a team from McKinney Cove Church went to Lakeport, Florida, July 19th, to help build a parsonage for Maple Grove Baptist Church. The old parsonage was damaged by a hurricane.

Our offering went to Appalachian Church Planting Ministries. Liberty Hill singers, pastor David Philbeck and Martha Huskins, blessed our hearts in song. The Annual Meeting was a time of good fellowship and refreshment from heaven.

Our WMU ladies helped provide the food again this year for the Associational Senior Adult Rally held at Berry Chapel on May 8.

We have one new WMU group started this year, Western Carolina Church

with Michelle Bonner as their director. We welcome them!

The ladies in Mitchell Association's WMU are the best! Always ready to help with any task and that makes my job as WMU Director easier. "It takes all of us working together."

WMU Watchword – Luke 9:23:
"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."
Theme: "Christ Followers"

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers

BIBLE DRILLS

Children, Youth, High School and Speakers' Tournament

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:7

We had a great year in our Bible Drills this year. I want to commend all the churches who participated. They were Altapass, Bear Creek, Berry Chapel, Bethel, Chestnut Grove, Freedom, Liberty Hill, Mount Carmel, Pine Branch, Roan Mountain and Spruce Pine, First.

The following children participated in the 2006 Associational Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth graders).

Altapass: Derrick Wiseman
Bear Creek: Tyler Huskins
Berry Chapel: *Whitney Maynor, Becky Ramsey, Della Heaton, Tamra Maynor, Rachel Silver, Cassidy Greene, Caitlin Greene, Jake Virnelson, Alexis Yelton
Bethel: Kayla Singleton, Danielle Byrd, Candace Washburn
Chestnut Grove: Kasey Lyons, Jacey Glenn
Freedom: Tyler Hollifield
Liberty Hill: Jessica Hoilman
Mount Carmel: Brianna Ward
Pine Branch: Haven Jenkins
Roan Mountain: John-Michael Stafford, Eden Buchanan, Kemberly McKinney, Jenny McKinney, Kelly McKinney, Haley Honeycutt, Alicia Robinson, Luke Deyton and Jake Deyton
Spruce Pine, First: *Eve Duncan

The following youth participated in the 2006 Associational Youth Bible

Drills. A double asterisks (**) indicates a six year participant. These would all be ninth graders.

Altapass: **Will McKinney, **Christopher Henline, Dalton Hughes, Amanda Wiseman, Nick McPeters

Berry Chapel: Randy Ramsey, Jr.

Bethel: **Mallory Pitman, Terra Gunter, Meredith Condrey

Pine Branch: Destiny Jenkins

Roan Mountain: Kolby Silver, Andrew McKinney, Maggie Buchanan

Spruce Pine, First: Jill Acuff, Zachery Acuff

This year we had a new drill called the High School Drill. This was for 10th, 11th and 12th graders. Those involved this first year were:

Bear Creek: Jessica Pitman

Berry Chapel: Stefani Franklin

Spruce Pine, First: Hannah Acuff

We had no participants in the Speakers' Tournament this year.

I am so excited about what's happening in our Mitchell Association's Bible Drills. I can feel the hand of God working in a mighty way. There is a new enthusiasm and it's beginning to spread out among other churches. We have some new churches and some that wants to get back in that has been out for several years. I have great expectations. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done," and great things He is doing.

I thank God for all the leaders who work so patiently with our children and youth. I thank God for our children and youth who want to hide God's Word in their hearts and want to learn how to handle their Bibles more effectively, and for the parents who encourage them.

I think of past leaders and how Bible Drills were started in each church and how the children they taught have spread out through the community. These are now getting married and some are moving to different churches. But they have a desire to start Bible Drills. This shows me God's hand moving thoughout our country and spreading to other counties and to other Baptist churches. I have a deep feeling that God is moving in the hearts of our people to keep the commandment that God gave in Deuteronomy 6:7-9.

If you have never had Bible Drill in your church, please contact me at 688-2407 or the associational office at 765-9412, and I will be overjoyed to help you get started. I will do whatever it takes to train your leaders and staff. I count it all joy to help you in any way. If our children know what the Bible says about everyday living, we can rest assured we are raising a better society.

May God richly bless all who are involved in this program, especially all the pastors who so lovingly support their children and youth. A <u>big</u> thank you goes to Judy Greer for all her help and hard work.

I would like to dedicate next year's Bible Drills to the memory of Nina Buchanan. She was a devoted and faithful associational Bible Drill leader for several years. I had many wonderful conversations with her when she would

call to get the names of my children from Bear Creek. Nina was a loving and devoted Christian. She loved Bible Drill and shared with me how she became involved in Bible Drill. Her daughter was friends with a girl from Bear Creek Church and this girl spent the night with her daughter. The mother had told her to study her Bible Drill verses before she went to bed. Nina was introduced to Bible Drill that night as the girl got her material out to study. Nina was hooked on Bible Drill after that. From my own experience – Bible Drill is contagious. It is such a great work. Our condolences goes out to Nina's family in her death this past December. We have lost a great warrior of Bible Drill, but it is heaven's gain.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

In the midst of significant challenges this year, the North American Mission Board has continued strong, productive mission partnerships with state Baptist conventions, associations and local SBC churches, to commission more missionaries, start more churches, and reach more people for Christ. Pray for Dr. Roy Fish as NAMB's Interim President and for the Presidential Search Committee as they seek God's man to lead the mission board. Following are a few highlights of what record gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Cooperative Program accomplished last year.

Sharing Christ

- 141 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,523, and more than 12,075 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities.
- The Evangelism Response Center makes it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 20,905 calls received and 251 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 1544 referrals were made to SBC churches.
- 2006's CrossOver Greensboro, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, resulted in volunteers leading to more than 800 professions of faith.
- Domestic Hunger Funds totaling over $1.6 million were distributed to the

states last year. More than 5 million meals have been served using hunger funds with more than 2,000 hunger ministries reporting more than 32,000 professions of faith.

Starting Churches

• Southern Baptists established 1,725 new congregations last year, 48% of which were ethnic and African-American congregations.

• The Nehemiah Project, which has established seven church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, trained and helped place 615 long term church planters. There are 989 people serving as short-term interns preparing for church planting roles.

• Canadian leadership set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. Partnerships were established with several SBC mega-churches to plant flagship churches in Canada.

Mobilizing Missionaries and Volunteers in Missions

• NAMB's missionary count reached 5,364 by the end of last year. Of this number, 2,942 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 2,422 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries

• 1,715 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester missionaries made 11,815 gospel presentations resulting in 1,016 professions of faith and 701 rededications.

• An estimated 194,872 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB during the year.

• Last year Southern Baptist trained disaster relief volunteers contributed more than 165,700 volunteer days in 166 responses. Volunteers from 41 state conventions prepared 17.1 million meals, repaired 7,245 buildings, cleaned 13,986 yards of storm debris, provided 155,967 showers and 28,253 loads of laundry and purified 68,846 gallons of water while training an additional 25,360 new volunteers.

• World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 25,730 participants in 93 projects. More than 11,745 presentations of the gospel were made and 1,270 professions of faith.

• New Hope New York (NHNY) continued implementation of a three year plan to reach the Greater New York area for Christ. Cleveland Hope began implementing plans to help SBC churches reach Northern Ohio for Christ. And Baltimore, MD was announced as the next Strategic Focus City.

WILDERNESS HISPANIC BAPTIST MISSION

We thank our Lord upon every remembrance of you and "*above all things*

that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers. We do greatly rejoice when the brethren come and testify of the truth that is in you all, even as you walk in the Truth" (III John 1:2-3).

The Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Mission is on its second leg of our building project. We have contracted Mr. Jack Burleson of Spruce Pine to build our metal building that eventually will be our church. We are praying and hoping that we can start having services in our new building by September of this year. The third and last part of our building program will be the sheet-rock work for the walls and the ceiling, and then the needed bathrooms, kitchen, heating system and Sunday school rooms, in order to get our permit of occupancy. It would be such a blessing to see some of our sister churches from Mitchell County and from Avery County take on one of these smaller projects as part of their mission work

A few years ago, our ministry was instrumental in establishing a Hispanic Mission in Yancey County.

Last year four of our most mature families were able to start another Hispanic Baptist Mission in Marion under our care, and presently we are helping a new mission in North Asheville. Many of us still meet also during the week for Bible study.

Please, do note that our Hispanic families are loving believers in the Lord and that we in no way support or stand with those Hispanics that are demonstrating and causing more divisions in our country - we just humbly pray as Ruth prayed: *"Entreat me not* to *leave you, or* to *return from following you: for wherever you go, I will go; and where you live, I will live; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."* Ruth 1:16.

Again, let me express our gratitude and our thanks for your prayers and for your generous hearts, and especially for the sacrificial tithes and offerings from our Hispanic families. We are hoping and praying that soon we will have our very own church building.

Please, do continue to pray and" *Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."* And above all things let us continue to work together. *"For we are His (truly God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them" Ephesians 2: 1 O.*

See our mission updates at: www.wildernessmission.net

In His service, because of His great love,
Rev. Charles Alonso

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

This year I will be beginning my fifteenth year as your Director of Missions.

As I reflect back on the past fourteen years. I get a real sense of how great our God really is. I have seen the blessings of God as our association has grown in every aspect of ministry. I have seen God's hand at work in the harmony and Christian brotherhood that exists between our pastors and churches. I have seen first hand the commitment that each church has for missions, both at home and abroad.

Jesus said, "How can two walk together except they be agreed." This verse takes on a whole new meaning as I think of Mitchell Baptist Association. Never have I seen an association as closely knit in the love of Christ or as committed for reaching the lost for Christ. This past year has been a good example of just that. This past year has also been one of the most "spiritually productive" years that I can remember. In November we had a food drive for the victims of hurricane Katrina. This association, although small, collected two and one-half tons of food and $16,000 in monetary donations. In January we also participated in a disaster recovery project in Gulfport, Mississippi. Seventeen people were involved in this project of repairing a home damaged by the hurricane. Two precious souls were saved on this trip.

In March, we were privileged to have Rev. Bobby Welch, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to speak at our Associational Evangelism Rally. One person gave their heart to Christ during this service. In April, we had an Associational Sunday School Conference with the theme being "How To Lead A Child To Christ." Rev. Lewis Smith of the N.C. Baptist Children's Homes led in this conference. We also had a special food drive for the Baptist Children's Homes. In May we honored our senior adults once again with a special service and meal.

The two highlights of the year have to be the Youth Rally in May and the Prophecy Conference in July. Our Youth Rally was a joint effort with Avery Association. We had "Team Delta Force," a group of professional athletes who perform amazing feats of strength. These men presented the gospel to an average of 700 young people each night. One hundred and twenty people gave their hearts to Christ during those three nights. Our Prophecy Conference in July was a tremendous success. Dr. Jimmy DeYoung spoke to our hearts on "End-Time Prophecy" for three nights. Twenty-five people were gloriously saved in these services.

The past year has been busy but wonderful. We were able to see 152 people come to know Christ through these associational ministries this year. This is truly what associational ministry is all about. The future looks good for our association. We must never forget to praise the Lord for what he has done and continues to do. May God richly bless each one of you as you minister where you are.

Submitted in His Name,
Daniel Whetstine

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

"Praise the Lord...forget not all of His benefits...crowns thee with love and compassion...knows our frame...mercy is everlasting to everlasting." Psalm 103

"Praise the Lord..." Sunday after Sunday for over seventy years a high percentage of our residents have sung, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow..." Because of your generosity the hymn of gratitude they learned in their youth continues to ring in their hearts..

"...forget not all his benefits" God uses His people to provide beautiful, secure, comfortable places to live where physical, mental and spiritual needs are met with quality care.

"...crowns with love and compassion" He sends those with a heart for service to give themselves in ministry to His aging saints with love, compassion, and respect.

"...mercy is from everlasting to everlasting." The generosity of North Carolina Baptists assures care for a lifetime while the ministry of the four Baptist pastors who serve as chaplains gives assurance of the "everlasting arms."

Thank you for your partnership with Baptist Retirement Homes in helping Psalm 103 resound as the song of praise for over 700 Older Adults statewide. More than 40% of these Aging Saints have at least a portion of their care made possible by gifts that come from Baptist churches across North Carolina.

Baptist Retirement Homes include:
Brookridge Retirement Community, Winston-Salem, NC (336) 759-1044
Hamilton Baptist Home, Hamiliton, NC (252) 798-5901
The Taylor House, Albemarle, NC (704) 982-4217
Western North Carolina Baptist Home, Asheville, NC (828) 254-9675
The Blanton Center, Winston-Salem, NC (336) 725-0202

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment, Assistant to the President

"ANGELS IN GULFPORT MINISTER GOD'S GRACE"

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Nothing overcomes despair like hope.

And nothing provides more hope in the hurricane-ravaged Gulf coast than the yellow-shirted swarm of North Carolina Baptist Men who have committed to rebuild 600 houses in Gulfport, Mississippi, by the end of summer 2007.

And nothing enables Baptist Men to do this work like the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO), which provides their operating budget and staff salaries. Without the NCMO giving that supports the infrastructure for North Carolina Baptist Men, the $6 million that N.C. Baptists gave for disaster relief in the Gulf region could not be effectively, efficiently and quickly put to use. Each dollar is used as it is intended, to buy materials and equipment for the rebuilding effort, in an efficiency that astounds every agency and individual who observes it.

North Carolina Baptist Men and the group's thousands of volunteers from allover the country are subjects of praise from the Gulfport mayor, the Mississippi governor, Harry Smith on CBS News and the desperate homeowners whose jaws drop in wonder when a van full of eager volunteers alights on their doorsteps.

Mona Morgan lived three miles from the beach, but Katrina tore up her roof and let the rain wash into the old, two-story home next to the railroad tracks in which she'd lived for 20 years. When she heard over the radio that Baptist Men were committing to rebuild homes, she got the first ride she could to the sign-up place.

When a van load of professional builders and volunteers from a Baptist church in New Jersey spilled into her yard with a truckload of materials, she gripped her little dog, smiled until her face cracked and praised a God whose love - until that moment - she wasn't too sure about.

Eddie Williams works 16 hours a day or more with his wife Martha and three other couples to coordinate the work, supplies, requests, volunteers, housing, food and work projects. He literally works two phones constantly; neither can hold a charge all day. He looks like a cowboy from the old west, a six-shooter on each hip, constantly challenged to "draw."

Instead of guns, he has phones - rather than bullets, a notepad on which he records admonitions to himself he could not possibly remember in the flurry of activity that starts before his breakfast in the morning and does not stop until he collapses each night in the RV parked at the armory.

The Williams serve as the long-term coordinators and are helped by three other North Carolinian couples: Gary and Edith Holland, Elmer and Barbara Farlow, and J.E. and Betsy Skinner.

Each couple has committed the next two years to the Gulfport project, each coordinating a vital area of work.

As of July 18, the N.C. Baptist Men's web site, www.ncmissions.org, said more than 104,640 volunteered days of service (through N.C. volunteers) and

more than 426,935 meals have been provided. More than 3,800 recovery jobs have been completed including 88,985 showers, 7,082 laundry loads and childcare for 560 children.

The rebuilding efforts have completed 200 homes and have more than 250 currently in progress. Even more are on waiting lists waiting for volunteers. A location has been secured to house, feed and coordinate job assignments for up to 400 volunteers at time.

More than 70 tractor-trailer loads of bottled water and other supplies have been sent to help with relief efforts.

The early staging area – immediately after the storm and for months after – was Pass Road Baptist Church, which lost half its congregation when Katrina blew away their homes and jobs.

"It's hard to remember what normal used to be," said pastor Keith Thrash, who turned his church parking lot into a staging area. Every classroom became a bunkhouse. Tens of thousands of meals were served from Baptist Men relief trailers in the parking lot. "They just basically turned the church over to us," said Williams.

Two mobile shower units, a laundry unit and the tents of a feeding unit crowded the area nearest the church buildings. Refrigerated trucks holding frozen and refrigerated food, a tanker that supplied water to the showers, stacks of food supplies, towers of bottled water on pallets, and trailer campers for the long-term coordinators used up the remaining space.

Thrash hated to see the volunteers leave his site when they transferred all operations to an old armory offered by the city and renovated by N.C. Baptist Men. But the church still houses volunteers when they come to help.

Thrash knows Baptist Men are providing the organization, expertise, and materials needed to assure volunteers will have a rewarding experience. "They're the elite," he said. "They've got it going on. They are the angels in Gulfport."

One of the graphic symbols from the storm is the gutted sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Gulfport. The steeple and roof stand on bare girders over a former sanctuary where now swooping hawks hunt mice.

"I believe there are thousands of people who will come to faith in Christ as a result of the clean up and aftermath of Katrina," said First Baptist Pastor Chuck Register. This is a witness of the church, and I believe that is a sign of God's grace."

There is no accurate estimating of Katrina damage, although $40 to $60-billion figures are often used. This level of devastation is impossible for many families to recover from – insurance companies dragged their feet for months to make payments. Horror stories abound of how short of covering costs even those late payments were. Government inadequacies in addressing victims' needs have become legendary.

New Orleans attracted the lion's share of attention, leaving a hundred miles of Gulf coast that was just as severely damaged languishing with inattention.

But in Gulfport, North Carolina Baptist Men are making a difference.

They are angels in yellow.

Persons interested in helping with disaster relief efforts, may call Betty Wynne at (800) 395-5102, ext. 339, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 339; or e-mail bwynne@bscnc.org.

The NCMO enables associations throughout the state to continue making a difference in their local mission fields. The offering also supports ministries sponsored by the Baptist State Convention, such as disaster relief, church planting and the ministries of Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union. For more information on how to be involved and support ministries of North Carolina Baptists, contact Dan Euliss, NCMO coordinator, at (919) 467-5100 or visit www.ncmissionsoffering.org.

Norman Jameson
BSC Communications

I CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH.

But, together, we can do so much more!

Churches in association freely join together to do certain things together.
Because of this relationship, individual churches grow, mature, become.
And, the churches in association become unified and strengthened.
On mission together, churches grow together.

PROPOSED BUDGET
2006-2007

	2005-2006	2006-2007
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,300.00	$ 9,000.00
Retirement	4,400.00	4,400.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,200.00	2,200.00
Housing Allowance	5,607.00	5,607.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	17,650.00	18,150.00
Insurance	5,375.00	5,375.00
Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	300.00	300.00
Sunday School/VBS	600.00	300.00
Bible Drill	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	800.00	800.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	600.00	600.00
Summer Youth Worker	1,000.00	0
Veterans Ministry	0	1,200.00
Special Events:		
Pastors' Supper	450.00	450.00
Senior Adult Rally	350.00	350.00
Annual Meeting	200.00	200.00
Youth Rally	1,500.00	1,000.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops (Director - $500 Secretary - $200)	700.00	700.00

	2005-2006	2006-2007
Social Security Allowance: Director of Missions Secretary	 800.00 1,312.00	 1,250.00 1,350.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	500.00	500.00
Telephone Cell Phone	1,000.00 300.00	1,000.00 50.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,500.00	3,000.00
Postage	1,600.00	1,600.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,200.00
Minute Books' Expense	500.00	400.00
Property Insurance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	650.00	500.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	800.00	700.00
Savings for Office Equipment	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 70,207.00	$ 70,195.00
Budget & Finance Committee		
Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Chairman Rev. Don Stafford Rev. Bob McKinney Rev. Morris Stamey Sondra Stewart, Treasurer		

TREASURER'S REPORT

4th Quarter and
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2005

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Designated Income:			
Baptist State Conv.	$ 0		$ 1,386.13
Church Contributions	18,826.37		67,326.32
Community Missions	850.00		8,842.99
Hispanic Ministry	446.55		6,863.81
Minute Book Fund	0		848.00
Miscellaneous	0		65.60
Prison Ministry	650.00		4,008.81
Sale of Supplies	411.65		785.96
Sales Tax Refund	0		170.18
Cash Account Income	0		14,713.20
Total Income	$ 21,184.57		$105,011.00
Designated Expenses:			
Bible Drill		0	129.79
Building & Grounds		725.98	740.98
Cash Account Expenses		150.00	970.00
Conferences, Conventions		500.00	660.00
Community Missions		439.96	9,076.27
Evangelism		741.11	741.11
DOM Retirement		1,100.01	4,400.04
DOM Salary & Social Sec.		1,479.96	5,920.00
DOM Travel Expense		550.02	2,200.00
DOM Housing Expense		1,401.75	5,607.00
DOM Christmas Bonus		0	600.00
DOM Insurance- Reimbursed		773.36	793.36

Continued	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Hispanic Ministry		596.55	7,463.81
Minute Book Expense		0	1,513.38
Miscellaneous		0	719.76
Office Expenses		956.26	3,965.53
Postage		523.95	2,015.97
Prison Ministry		1,275.03	6,508.81
Property Insurance		0	1,049.90
Secretary Salary & So Sec		3,360.90	13,515.76
Secretary Medical Ins.		1,343.55	5,327.70
Secretary Retirement		578.25	2,313.00
Secret'y Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Special Events Fund		0	114.97
Pastors' Dinner		0	450.74
Senior Adult Rally		242.63	242.63
Annual Meeting (2005)		0	125.00
Youth Rally		0	0
Sunday School Conference		0	100.00
Treasurer Honorarium		0	500.00
WMU		0	60.27
Taxes:			
Federal		1,785.12	7,140.48
State		391.00	1,516.00
Electric		170.25	1,075.19
Telephone		197.68	906.75
Cell Phone		91.09	300.54
Total Expenses		$ 19,374.41	$ 89,264.74
Ending Bank Balance 07-31-06			$ 15,746.26
Savings Account Balance			$ 2,015.91

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Stewart, Treasurer

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year ending, July 31, 2006

Church	May-July	Aug-Apr	Totals
Altapass	$ 1,583.00	$ 4,892.00	$ 6,475.00
Bear Creek	1,200.00	3,200.00	4,400.00
Beaver Creek	516.54	1,599.09	2,115.63
Berry Chapel	1,430.00	4,096.00	5,526.00
Big Crabtree	374.00	1,044.00	1,418.00
Big Rock Creek	100.00	200.00	300.00
Black Mountain	159.15	492.65	651.80
Calvary	0	1,039.54	1,039.54
Cane Creek	150.00	525.00	675.00
Central	456.95	1,197.86	1,654.81
Crabtree Chapel	677.84	1,985.99	2,663.83
Fork Mountain	200.00	600.00	800.00
Freedom	522.35	1,584.64	2,106.99
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	1,200.00	2,400.00	3,600.00
Ledger	883.47	321.44	1,204.91
Liberty Hill	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
Lily Branch	1,383.51	2,948.50	4,332.01
Little Rock Creek	681.35	2,026.06	2,707.41
McKinney Cove	300.00	1,000.00	1,300.00
Mine Creek	0	748.42	748.42
Mount Carmel	634.42	1,614.42	2,248.84
Mountain View	0	154.01	154.01
Pine Branch	1,786.21	2,739.29	4,525.50
Roan Mountain	1,778.43	4,548.97	6,327.40
Silver Chapel	1,110.12	2,345.64	3,455.76
Snow Hill	443.25	1,221.43	1,664.68
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine,First	0	500.00	500.00
Toecane	200.00	100.00	300.00
Vision	150.00	450.00	600.00
White Oak	80.78	450.00	530.78
Totals	$ 18,826.37	$ 48,499.95	$ 67,326.32

DEATHS

ALTAPASS: Mr. Danny Briscoe, Mr. Sydney Whitson, Mr. Frank Byrd, Mr. George Buchanan
BEAR CREEK: Mrs. JoEtta Hollifield, Mrs. Edith Buchanan, Mrs. Phyllis Grindstaff
BEAVER CREEK: Mr. Fred Harrison, Mrs. Mary Henline
BERRY CHAPEL: Mrs. JoEllen Willis, Mrs. Margaret Robinson, Mr. Dick Burleson, Mr. Buddy Silver (Deacon)
BIG CRABTREE: Mrs. Dora Willis
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Jane Broadbent
CENTRAL: J. Monroe Bridges, Deacon emeritus
CHESTNUT GROVE: Mr. Claude Burnette, Mrs. Martha Ann Garafola, Mr. Raleigh Hollifield, Mr. Wayne Lackey
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Ms. Charlene Chrisawn, Ms. Martha Summerlin
FREEDOM: Mrs. June Stafford
FRIENDSHIP: Arizona Buchanan, Mr. Christopher Conley
GRASSY CREEK: Ms. Edna McKinney, Ms. Dorothy Owens, Mr. Lee McClellan, Mr. Dennis Biddix, Mr. Wayne Ollils, Mrs. Polly Lichtenhahn, Ms. Jesse Snipes
LIBERTY HILL: Mrs. Inez Hughes, Ms. Margaret C. Burleson, Ms. Joan Huskins, Mr. Tom Frisbee
LILY BRANCH: Mrs. Willie Mae Phillips, Mrs. Roberta B. Nanney
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Mrs. Beatrice Renfro, Mrs. Mae Speaks
McKINNEY COVE: Mr. Robert Conley, Mr. Edgar Ayers
MINE CREEK: Mr. Jeremiah Johnson, Mr. Bill McKinney, Mr. Burl Buchanan
MOUNT CARMEL: Mr. Dustin Duncan
SILVER CHAPEL: Mr. Paul Burleson, Mr. Sherwin Buchanan, Mr. Glen Buchanan
SNOW HILL: Ms. Mamie Honeycutt, Mr. Travis Hooper
SPRING CREEK: Mr. Willard Moffitt, Mr. Clyde Brinkle
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Mr. Joe Riddle, Mr. James Duncan, Ms. Penny Young, Ms. Ruth Hollifield, Ms. Betty Stewart, Mrs. Mildred Bryson, Mr. Hoyle Gunter, Mr. Walter Johnson, Ms. Bronnie M. Morrison

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ALTAPASS: Steve Sisk, 94 Altapass Trail, Spruce Pine
BAKERSVILLE: Bill Stewart, 333 Swiss Pine Lake Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Chris Rathbone, 415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland
BEAVER CREEK: Brandon Pitman, 723 Biggerstaff Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Greg Hollifield, 108 Beechtree Lane, Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Dean Honeycutt, 2609 Henson Creek Rd., Newland
BIG ROCK CREEK: Max Holland, 986 Young Cove Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN:
CALVARY: Don Stafford, 286 Loggy Hollow Rd., Bakersville

CENTRAL: Jim Sutton, 362 Terrace Court, Spruce Pine
CHESTNUT GROVE: Vernon Buchanan, 1352 Hamburg Rd., Bakersville
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Fred Proctor, 7854 E. US Hwy. 19E, Spruce Pine
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FREEDOM: Donald Davis, P.O. Box 923, Burnsville
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LEDGER: Shane Buchanan, 1496 Slagle Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: David Philbeck, 15 Boone St., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Matthew Grindstaff, 3121 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Dallas Renfro, 160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pn
McKINNEY COVE: Russell McKinney, 1475 Hamburg Rd., Bakersville
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MOUNT CARMEL: Nathan Silver, 195 Gouges Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW:
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REBELS CREEK: G.E. Freeman, 361 Coxes Creek Rd., Burnsville
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mark McKinney, P.O. Box 486, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jonathan Thacker, 488 Vance Farm Rd., Spruce Pine
SNOW HILL:
SPRING CREEK: Robert McCurry, 13600 Hwy. 226 N., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Vess, 110 Mtn. Breeze Dr., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Sherrill Whitson, 1329 Roses Branch Rd., Bakersville
WESTERN CAROLINA: Randy Bonner, 90 Thomas Rd., Spruce Pine
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WILDERNESS HISPANIC: Charles Alonso, P.O. Box 132, Spruce Pine

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ALTAPASS: Gregg Henline, 106 Harris Street, Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Danny Willis, 525 Mar-ter-dan Ridge, Marion
BEAVER CREEK: Samuel Swann, 57 Swann Lane, Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Rocky Buchanan, 50 Balsam Ave., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Bryan Burleson, 41 Towhee Lane, Burnsville
BIG ROCK CREEK: Sammy Garland, 1393 Rockdale Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Thomas T. Glenn, 2334 Halltown Rd., Spruce Pine
CALVARY: Jack Staton, P.O. Box 187, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Allen Snyder, 4313 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: James Owings, 291 Pond Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Richard McKinney, 65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Charles Huskins, 2307 White Oak Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Sanford Hughes, 212 Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Perry Burleson, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: David Shuford, 687 Dale Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Chuck Greene, 1183 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville
LIBERTY HILL: Mack Ramsey, 376 Hoot Owl Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Dean Myers, 149 Galax Trail, Spruce Pine
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Gordon Lovejoy, 1790 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Allen Baker, P.O. Box 219, Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Bobby Buchanan, 150 Pitman Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Toby Crowder, 1150 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville

PINE BRANCH: Daryl Dellinger, 166 Barry Dr., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mike Silver, 600 Young Cove Rd., Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jack Buchanan, 189 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Gary Smith, 37 Smithville Holler, Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Farrell Ollis, 411 Blevins Branch Rd., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Sandy Davis, 161 Walnut St., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: John Laws, 674 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
WESTERN CAROLINA: Chris Renfro, 190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Bobby Webb, 383 English Rd., Spruce Pine

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTORS

ALTAPASS: Dale Blevins, 194 Oakdale Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Matthew Ward, 1877 Bear Creek Rd., Bakersville
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Matthew Grindstaff, 881 Brushy Creek Rd, S.Pine
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Richie Harrell, 65 Shady Lane, Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Wesley Brewer, 6738 Hwy 226 N, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, 1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
WESTERN CAROLINA: Chris Renfro, 190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Jack Michaels, P.O. Box 1096, Weaverville

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BEAR CREEK: Durl Pitman, 59 Pitman Rd., Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Betty Pendley, 2727 East US 19 Hwy., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Bill Calloway, 193 Minpro Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Debra Pittman, 1628 Rabbit Hope Rd., Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, 1081 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
CALVARY: Lee Ella Cooke, 1398 Staggerweed, Rd., Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Eddie Buchanan, Bakersville
CENTRAL: Brenda Sparks, 314 Cliff Buchanan Rd., Spruce Pine
CHESTNUT GROVE: Lonnie Cuthbertson, 353 Dula Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Charles Allen, 80 Magnolia Lane, Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Tillie McKinney, 2815 NC 261, Bakersville
FREEDOM: Margaret Wilson, 106 Ledger Dr., Bakersville
FRIENDSHIP: Joyce McKinney, P.O. Box 1244, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: John Hall, 2026 Halltown Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Ann Carpenter, 100 Starlin Mountain Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Alice Glenn, 962 Brushy Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRACH: Candace Winters, 14 Hamburg Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Tommie Edwards,184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Allen Baker, P.O. Box 955, Bakersville
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MOUNT CARMEL: Avery Buchanan, 96 West Mtn. Drive, Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Lorie McKinney, 1695 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Perry Jones, 1323 Wing Rd., Bakersville

ROAN MOUNTAIN: Misti Silver, 2424 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jerry Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Ted Willis, 308 Wing Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Vernon Styles, Whitson Branch Rd., Bakersville
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BEAR CREEK: Nora Nell Jarrett, 4680 Hwy 226 S., Bakersville
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BEAVER CREEK: Beulah Burleson, 614 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
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CRABTREE CHAPEL: Angel Willis, 282 Sourwood Dr., Spruce Pine
FREEDOM: Carolyn Sparks, 19 Oak Ridge Dr., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Paula Ollis, 610 Altapass Hwy. Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK: Donna Gibson, 2122 Halltown Rd., Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL: Linda Buchanan 553 North Mtn. Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Amelia Ledford, 2516 Slagle Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Heather Gouge, 6196 NC 261, Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Marlene Ayers, 1302 Green/Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Judy Roberts, 315 Davis Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
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PINE BRANCH: Judy Pitman, 284 Creed Pitman Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Stacie McKinney, P.O. Box 486, Bakersville
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WESTERN CAROLINA: Michelle Bonner, 90 Thomas Rd., Spruce Pine
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BERRY CHAPEL: Bobby Joe Greene, 44 Galax Trail, Spruce Pine
CENTRAL: Jeff Atkins, 211 Amethyst St., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Ted Sparks, 3129 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL: Lee Earley, 178 Burleson Circle, Spruce Pine
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Don Albers, 197 Trout Pond Rd., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Richie Jarrett, 4682 Hwy. 226S, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Joseph Freeman, 211 Forest Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
PINE BRANCH: Lee Ellis, 53 Spruce Pine Campground Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Ronald Bailey, 5578 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Billy Blevins, 75 Grindstaff Lane, Bakersville
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WHITE OAK: Bobby Webb, 383 English Rd., Spruce Pine

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CALVARY: Florence Woody, P.O. Box 65, Bakersville
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CENTRAL: Marquitta Holtsclaw, 468 Apple Mountain Rd., Spruce Pine
CHESTNUT GROVE: Judy Self, 3151 US Hwy 19E, Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Sherry Jones, 919 Brushy Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Ivan Greene, 1371 Green Creek Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Elizabeth McClellan, 362 Berry Hill Rd., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Gail McKinney, P.O. Box 893, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Phil Snyder, 618 Carters Ridge Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Sue Barnett, 249 Starlin Mountain Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Keith Hoyle, 115 Hoyle Brothers Dr., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Jackie Thomas, 3416 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Kathy Kuhne, P.O. Box 61, Bakersville
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MINE CREEK: Roger Garland, 650 Duck Branch Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Richard Haney, 44 Sunshine Circle, Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Blanche Stanley, 561 Deyton Rd., Bakersville
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ROAN MOUNTAIN: Kevin McKinney, P.O. Box 738, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Stacy Buchanan, 115 Grindstaff Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Ted Willis, 308 Wing Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Mrs. Willard Moffitt, 29 Toms Creek Rd., Bakersville
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TOECANE: Lloyd Laws, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
VISION MISSIONARY: Jo Anne Rice, 852 Hazel Brook Lane, Marshall
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CRABTREE CHAPEL: Michelle Blevins, 189 River Walk Dr., Burnsville
FORK MOUNTAIN: Ivan Greene, 1371 Green Creek Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Carolyn Sparks, 19 Oak Ridge Dr., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Eloise Ledford, P.O. Box 242, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Lula Owens, 843 Dula Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Debra Barnette, 25 Howell Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Ruby Putman, 94 D&D Lane, Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Regina Murdock, 3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rosa Edwards, 184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Beth Hinson, 361 Gouge Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Debra Buchanan, P.O. Box 168, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Rebecca Fortner, P.O. Box 807, Spruce Pine
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Lorie McKinney, 1695 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Nell Young, P.O. Box 31, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Linda Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Wilma Carlisle, 61 Ulysses Young Way, Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Elizabeth Butler, 62 Butler Lane, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Beverly Acuff, 239 Balsam Ave., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Mary Crowder, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
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CRABTREE CHAPEL: Charles Allen, 80 Magnolia Lane, Spruce Pine
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FREEDOM: Joel Wilson, 106 Ledger Dr., Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Wendell Gouge, 67 Rocky Fields Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Windle Young, 5226 NC 226 South, Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Mack Ramsey, 376 Hoot Owl Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Richard Sparks, 3830 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Tommie Edwards, 184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Gary Sparks, P.O. Box 794, Bakersville
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PIANISTS

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BEAVER CREEK: Carrie Pitman, 723 Biggerstaff Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Lenise Ramsey, 131 Carpenter Dr., Spruce Pine
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BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, 1081 Fork Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
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GRASSY CREEK: Lisa McKinney, 381 Apple Lane, Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Karen Young, 577 Bear Creek Church Rd., Bakersville
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YOUTH DIRECTORS

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CANE CREEK: Allen Snyder, 4313 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Greg & Meredith Hoilman, 1181 Big Plumtree Creek Rd., Newland

CRABTREE CHAPEL: Douglas Willis, 282 Sourwood Dr., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Janie Cole, 595 John Sparks Rd., Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Gene Self, 152 Fred Self Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Richie McKinney, 800 Altapass Church of God Rd., Spruce Pine
LIBERTY HILL: Josh Robinson, 98 Boston Hill Rd., Spruce Pine
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Zip Codes

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Marshall	28753
Mars Hill	28754
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Weaverville	28787

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1978	Pine Branch/Bakersville	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Richard Hollifield/Lee Ayers
1979	Snow Hill/Roan Mountain	Frank Ellis	M.W. Blanton	Bruce Buchanan/Gerold Grindstaff
1980	Spruce Pine, First/Mine Creek	Maurice Gilliam	M.W. Blanton	Jim Gore/Earl Henry
1981	Mt. Carmel/Bear Creek	Howard Buchanan	M.W. Blanton	Astor Buchanan/Jim Mizell
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford
2005	Altapass/Calvary	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Don Stafford/Steve Williams

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2005 Minutes

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	332	310	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	4	0
Bear Creek	747	630	11	0	6	2	0	1	2	0	9	7
Beaver Creek	260	181	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	557	360	13	0	4	4	2	1	2	0	9	0
Big Crabtree	228	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	61	-	13	1	2	7	0	0	3	0	0	0
Black Mountain	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	154	-	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	123	123	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut Grove	144	45	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	0
Crabtree Chapel	223	223	8	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
Fork Mountain	57	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	235	-	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Friendship	110	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	546	417	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0
Ledger	105	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Liberty Hill	455	385	8	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	5	0
Lily Branch	200	164	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0

Little Rock Creek	75	71	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
McKinney Cove	153	101	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	167	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Mount Carmel	297	179	7	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	9	0
Mountain View	43	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Pine Branch	604	482	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	21	0
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	213	149	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	24	0
Silver Chapel	162	97	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Snow Hill	235	223	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Spring Creek	190	149	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	645	447	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	14
Toecane	40	20	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	84	-	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
Western Carolina	75	75	8	0	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	10
White Oak	130	63	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilderness Hispanic	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Assoc. Totals	7730	5553	119	1	27	36	17	14	14	3	123	39

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 10-Church-Type Missions Operating. 12-Assoc. Mission on % Basis
7-Year Pastor Came 9-Church-Type Missions Started 11-Lost/Unchurched 13-Intercessory Prayer

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Altapass	1925	1987	200	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bakersville	1869	2002	-	-	-	-	No	-
Bear Creek	1830	2001	325	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2004	60	0	0	-	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934	1999	180	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	2005	83	0	0	-	-	-
Black Mountain	1882	-	26	0	0	-	Yes	-
Calvary	1949	-	50	0	0	No	Yes	No
Cane Creek	1867	2006	52	0	0	Yes	Yes	No
Central	1932	2002		0	0		Yes	
Chestnut Grove	1923	2005	46	0	0	-	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1996	75	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2005	20	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Freedom	1988	2005	100	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	54	0	0	No	Yes	No
Grassy Creek	1818	2002	162	0	0	Yes	No	Yes

Ledger	1953	2004	50	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	2004	125	0	0	-	-	-
Lily Branch	1859	2003	48	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1884	1997	55	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	2003	60	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	85	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	65	0	0	No	No	No
Mountain View	1932	2006	-	0	0	-	No	-
Pine Branch	1921	2000	245	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rebels Creek	1915	2006	-	0	0	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	113	0	0	No	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	60	0	0	-	-	-
Snow Hill	1915	-	72	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	120	0	0	-	No	-
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1999	228	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	28	0	0	-	No	-
Vision Missionary	1998	-	69	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Western Carolina	2000	2000	70	0	2	No	No	Yes
White Oak	1884	2000	40	0	0	No	No	Yes
Wilderness Hispanic	1998	1998	40	0	0	No	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals	-	-	3,081	0	2	-	-	-

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

14-Total S.S. Enrol. 14b-(6-11) 14d-(18-24) 14-f(35-54) 14h-(65-up) 15-Other Bible Study 17 - VBS
14a-(Birth-5) 14c-(12-17) 14e-(25-34) 14-g(55-64) 14i-Gen. Officers 16 - Avg. Sunday School Att.

Congregation	14	14a	14b	14c	14d	14e	14f	14g	14h	14i	15	16	17
Altapass	144	21	23	23	6	14	10	23	22	2	0	105	125
Bear Creek	279	43	15	10	6	20	40	90	45	10	0	196	159
Beaver Creek	58	5	4	1	2	5	7	10	23	1	0	39	26
Berry Chapel	170	17	15	15	30	3	25	10	30	5	20	110	165
Big Crabtree	86	12	13	6	13	16	15	7	4	0	0	80	61
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	30	16	0	4	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	16	0
Calvary	56	3	8	4	2	7	12	5	15	0	0	50	25
Cane Creek	45	2	5	5	4	10	10	4	5	0	0	40	75
Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut Grove	44	0	2	12	0	0	20	5	5	0	0	30	30
Crabtree Chapel	91	8	13	6	8	8	13	14	17	4	0	65	74
Fork Mountain	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	10	0
Freedom	92	5	7	10	4	29	12	10	11	4	0	69	58
Friendship	36	2	2	1	2	1	6	10	6	6	0	30	4
Grassy Creek	172	14	6	33	13	43	18	30	13	2	0	82	138
Ledger	46	0	7	2	0	8	10	11	8	0	0	30	50
Liberty Hill	163	17	20	16	27	21	18	23	18	3	0	102	65
Lily Branch	52	0	3	15	1	1	6	9	15	2	0	33	47
Little Rock Creek	78	7	6	8	4	12	17	11	13	0	0	55	60
McKinney Cove	68	6	9	5	2	12	14	9	9	2	0	43	68

Mine Creek	153	4	10	20	9	20	25	40	21	4	0	95	80
Mount Carmel	90	4	4	6	2	0	10	4	56	4	0	65	61
Mountain View	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pine Branch	206	16	17	24	5	18	39	45	35	7	0	145	124
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	96	7	10	5	10	6	12	19	25	2	0	70	50
Silver Chapel	89	9	8	3	4	13	9	12	27	4	0	50	40
Snow Hill	147	6	8	7	7	16	45	40	15	2	1	46	30
Spring Creek	119	26	8	14	10	24	15	10	4	8	0	100	100
Spruce Pine, First	343	12	18	31	33	27	58	55	80	5	24	195	90
Toecane	13	3	3	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	14	0
Vision	53	7	10	2	0	8	10	10	5	1	0	65	0
Western Carolina	101	3	7	5	12	17	30	7	5	3	12	50	35
White Oak	37	3	0	2	2	3	5	10	10	2	0	35	76
Wilderness Hispanic	16	4	8	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	15	20
Assoc. Totals	3181	282	269	298	220	367	219	536	549	84	57	2130	1936

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

18-Total D.T. 18b-(6-11) 18d-(18-Up) 19-Total Short Term 19b-(6-11) 19d-Adults & Gen. Officers
18a-(Birth-5) 18c-(12-17) 18e-Gen. Off. 19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17)

Congregation	18	18a	18b	18c	18d	18e	19	19a	19b	19c	19d
Altapass	15	0	0	0	13	2	15	0	5	5	5
Bear Creek	56	0	8	0	44	4	48	0	0	0	48
Berry Chapel	54	8	12	22	4	8	16	0	0	0	16
Big Crabtree	28	5	6	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	53	3	11	17	20	2	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	14	6	6	0	0	2	36	0	0	0	36
Little Rock Creek	15	0	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	4	1	2
Snow Hill	26	5	5	10	5	1	10	4	6	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	60	0	11	2	40	7	30	0	0	0	30
Western Carolina	51	2	3	7	35	4	17	0	0	10	7
White Oak	19	1	0	2	15	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilderness Hispanic	35	4	8	1	20	2	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	426	34	74	70	214	34	181	6	15	16	144

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:

22-Tot. WMU Enroll
22a-(Birth-5)
22b-(6-11)
22c-(12-17)
22d-(18-Up)
22e-WMU Lead Team
22f-WMU Missions
23-Tot. Bro. Enroll
23a-(6-11)
23b-(12-17)
23c-(18-up)
23d - Mission Action Groups

Congregation	22	22a	22b	22c	22d	22e	22f	23	23a	23b	23c	23d
Altapass	16	0	0	4	9	3	0	40	0	0	0	40
Bear Creek	78	23	14	14	22	5	0	33	11	0	22	0
Beaver Creek	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	10	0	0	0	8	2	0	12	0	0	12	0
Central												
Crabtree Chapel	12	0	0	0	10	2	0	20	3	2	15	0
Freedom	23	0	0	0	21	1	1	10	0	0	10	0
Friendship	10	0	0	0	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	22	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	17	0	0	0	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lily Branch	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	7	0	0	7	0
McKinney Cove	16	6	0	4	0	6	0	15	15	0	0	0
Mine Creek	24	0	0	0	0	4	20	32	10	14	3	5
Mount Carmel	12	0	0	1	11	0	0	17	0	0	17	0
Pine Branch	29	6	5	0	18	0	0	12	5	0	7	0
Roan Mountain	53	6	12	18	15	2	0	18	0	0	18	0
Snow Hill	12	6	0	0	6	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
Spruce Pine, First	214	4	7	5	46	2	150	63	9	12	40	2
Western Carolina	26	0	2	3	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	589	51	40	49	240	35	174	289	53	28	161	47

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:
20-Total Music Enrollment 20b-(6-11) 20d-(18-Up)
20a-(3-5) 20c-(12-17) 20e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	20e
Altapass	89	13	7	15	37	17
Bear Creek	96	20	10	0	60	6
Beaver Creek	15	0	0	0	15	0
Berry Chapel	60	4	8	12	30	6
Calvary	35	3	4	3	25	0
Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	15	3	2	0	10	0
Freedom	35	0	4	6	25	0
Grassy Creek	42	0	0	0	42	0
Ledger	18	0	1	1	16	0
Liberty Hill	46	4	7	3	28	4
Lily Branch	16	0	0	3	13	0
Little Rock Creek	20	0	0	4	16	0
McKinney Cove	35	4	5	0	18	8
Mine Creek	89	8	8	39	31	3
Mount Carmel	28	0	2	4	19	3

Pine Branch	54	4	4	15	23	8
Roan Mountain	26	0	0	1	25	0
Snow Hill	25	4	3	2	16	0
Spruce Pine, First	65	4	5	15	23	18
Vision Missionary	30	5	9	0	16	0
Western Carolina	5	0	0	0	5	0
White Oak	18	1	0	5	12	0
Wilderness Hispanic	6	0	0	1	5	0
Assoc. Totals	868	77	79	129	510	73

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

25-Undes. Gifts 27-Other Receipts 29-Assoc. Miss 31-Annie Armstrong 33-Other SBC Missions Exp.
26-Desig. Gifts 28-Co-op Program 30-State Miss 32-Lottie Moon 34-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Altapass	$ 214,814	$ 23,479	$ 46,258	$ 11,291	$ 6,475	$ 0	$ 2,169	$ 3,739	$ 9,895	$ 5,250
Bear Creek	479,965	37,728	0	24,000	4,400	3,000	4,650	25,000	6,952	125,014
Beaver Creek	52,169	11,092	0	2,643	2,116	2,643	1,100	1,200	1,059	781
Berry Chapel	180,311	8,166	12,605	9,449	5,526	0	223	1,196	1,169	5,324
Big Crabtree	36,468	5,573	0	0	1,418	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	300	0	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	12,105	0	0	179	651	947	160	206	332	2,500
Calvary	-	-	-	-	1,040	0	0	500	0	0
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	675	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-	-	1,655	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut Grove	44,460	3,613	0	0	0	0	0	600	600	3,462
Crabtree Chapel	65,724	14,096	0	3,302	2,664	0	0	552	1,730	22,785
Fork Mountain	22,806	0	0	0	800	0	366	285	875	1,934
Freedom	104,378	42,340	0	0	2,107	4,175	1,708	3,000	4,468	16,421
Friendship	32,937	1,257	97	0	600	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	204,722	118,400	0	7,000	3,600	0	0	2,625	8,087	15,437
Ledger	42,840	210	3,891	1,200	1,205	0	775	820	210	3,620
Liberty Hill	145,039	6,169	0	2,400	2,100	2,320	1,198	2,678	2,757	0
Lily Branch	88,057	8,921	660	8,806	4,332	2,442	3,285	4,407	5,788	5,984
Little Rock Creek	59,405	12,048	0	0	2,707	0	1,118	746	10,098	3,943
McKinney Cove	65,601	2,198	0	1,200	1,300	1,194	1,200	1,142	0	750
Mine Creek	87,746	1,829	0	0	748	467	736	314	312	0

Mount Carmel	86,930	15,640	0	4,132	2,249	3,305	378	1,093	0	4,281
Mountain View	-	-	-	0	154	0	0	0	0	-
Pine Branch	246,840	130,441	13,732	24,684	4,525	690	3,028	10,083	5,667	3,968
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	-
Roan Mountain	123,316	40,885	0	11,471	6,327	225	1,416	2,167	0	2,542
Silver Chapel	57,452	11,250	11,150	1,600	3,456	1,200	2,175	2,393	1,300	13,500
Snow Hill	61,072	3,421	0	3,884	1,665	400	400	400	0	0
Spring Creek	87,920	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	0	8,280
Spruce Pine, First	329,000	49,000	15,000	23,500	500	2,500	1,341	1,172	3,000	45,000
Toecane	6,630	1,316	6,855	0	300	0	0	0	0	0
Vision Missionary	42,017	58,390	0	0	600	1,200	195	276	1,435	0
Western Carolina	77,429	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	580	0
White Oak	42,484	4,694	5,000	730	531	0	250	548	3,355	300
WildernessHispanic	10,000	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
Assoc. Totals	$ 3,110,637	$ 616,156	$ 115,248	$ 141,671	$ 67,326	$ 26,708	$ 27,871	$ 67,142	$ 69,669	$291,776

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WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
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Assistant Director ..... Debra Buchanan
P.O. Box 168, Bakersville
Secretary ..... Nora Nell Jarrett
4680 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
Missions Consultant ..... Beulah Burleson
614 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President ..... Rev. David Philbeck
20 Frosted Lane, Burnsville
Vice-President ..... Rev. Russell McKinney
536 English Rd., Spruce Pine
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2007-2008 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. Steve Williams
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rick Ross
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Brandon Pitman

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. Fred Proctor
..... Rev. Donald Davis
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rev. David Philbeck
..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Gene Self

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Helen McKinney
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rev. Jim Sutton
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Steve Carpenter

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. David Philbeck
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rev. Bob McKinney
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Don Albers
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Richard McKinney
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Benny Sparks

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Rev. Don Stafford
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Fleet Hensley
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro

Central

Term Expiring 2008 ..... Morris Stamey
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Mary King
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Jerry Pitman

South

Term Expiring 2008 ..... John Hall
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Denise Davis
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. David Philbeck

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Note: The Executive Committee is made up of the listed Associational officers, all pastors, and the following elected by the churches.)

ALTAPASS ..... Sondra Stewart
461 Lower Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL ..... Tom Reeves
2278 Old NC 226, Spruce Pine
CENTRAL ..... Roger Burleson
226 Watson Dr., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK ..... Harry Wolf
P.O. Box 387, Little Switzerland

LIBERTY HILL ..... Mack Ramsey
376 Hoot Owl Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH ..... Buddy Murdock
3444 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK ..... Tommie L. Edwards
184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL ..... Avery Buchanan
96 West Mountain Dr., Spruce Pine
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST ..... Jean Warren
7 Azalea Lane, Spruce Pine
WESTERN CAROLINA ..... Chris Renfro
190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK ..... Steve Carpenter
1043 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

SERMONS FOR 2008 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Jude Hughes
Tuesday ..... Rev. Dean Honeycutt

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 2008: Rev. Mark McKinney, Rev. Bob McKinney

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2008: Rev. Jay Orr, Rev. Nathan Silver

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER FOR 2007: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Rev. Brandon Pitman

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2007: Rev. Donald Davis

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Ricky Ross, Sondra Stewart, Billy Matthews, Lois Matthews, Dale Blevins, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Decima McKinney

BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, Marcella Miller, Kathleen Buchanan, Howard Buchanan, Phillip Wilson, Mitzie Wilson, Irene Sparks, Frank Woody, Elizabeth Woody, Marie Jarrett
BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Brandon Pitman, Mildred Frye, Beverly Murphy, Anna Mae Carpenter, Phillip Henline
BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Greg Hollifield, Myrtle Pittman, Bill Love, Robert Taylor, Betty Carpenter, Judy Greer, Frances Sparks, Mary Stafford, Betty Biddix
BIG CRABTREE: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Pam Honeycutt,
BIG ROCK CREEK: Rev. Max Holland, Garland Honeycutt, Angela Honeycutt
CALVARY: Helen Beaver, Emma Lee Buchanan, Parnell Buchanan
CANE CREEK: Dean Ward
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Charles Allen, Barbara Allen, Richard McKinney, Lillian Sparks, Ted Sparks
FREEDOM: Rev. Donald Davis, Denise Davis, Elizabeth McClellan, Charles McClellan, Gladys Burleson, Roger Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Nell Howell
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Jude Hughes, Charles Huskins
FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney, Marvin Stamey, Kenneth Murdock
GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matt Mills, Rev. Gene Self, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson, Evelyn Hollifield, Charles Hollifield, Gil Connor, Pearl Connor, Harry Wolf, Sue Wolf,
LIBERTY HILL: Rev. David Philbeck, Charles Jones, Betty Jones, Gladys Pittman, Edith Hinkle, Kim Hoyle, Roy Hoyle, Marie Sparks, Elsie McKinney
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Tiffany Grindstaff, Jackie Thomas, Regina Murdock, Buddy Murdock
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Don Albers, Gordon Lovejoy, Tommie Lee Edwards
McKINNEY COVE: Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers, Mary Stafford, Kay Baker, Velma Sturgill,
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Fleet Hensley, Janice Hensley, Debra Buchanan, Jim Saylor, Jean Sayl,or, Madie Hoilman, Bill Pitman
MOUNT CARMEL: Toby Crowder, Avery Buchanan, Margaret Buchanan
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney, Scott Wholten, Robert Morgan, Kevin McKinney
SILVER CHAPEL: Mozell Howell, Fred Louis Howell, Betty Burleson, Bernice Howell, Ray Buchanan, Betty Buchanan, Jerry Gouge, Linda Gouge
SNOW HILL: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Jerry Pitman, Morris Burleson
SPRING CREEK: Rev. Bob McCurry
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Jean Warren
TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson

WHITE OAK: Marian McNeill, Marcella Bailey, Linda Hoilman, Jesse Hoilman, Jr.

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and one lay-member from each church providing the church is not represented in the above mentioned and the member of the State Board.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its chosen members of the Executive Committee in its annual report to the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meeting.

This committee shall be authorized to act for the Association and to direct all the causes of the Association between the annual session. This committee shall be required to give a written report of the work to the annual session for its approval.

This committee may organize into other committees in order to carry out the work of the Association, but in each case the smaller committee must report to the larger committee for its approval.

Two thirds majority of those present must be in favor before any transacted business shall be considered legal. This committee shall bear the responsibility of bringing the churches of the Association to a better understanding of the program of the Baptist State Convention.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated

contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Associational Council

1. The council shall be composed of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School, Director of Discipleship Training, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Historian.
2. The Association shall have an Associational Council whose duty shall be to coordinate the activities of the Association into a harmonious program of work.
3. The council shall be responsible for studying the needs of the churches and recommending a program of work, and for coordinating a calendar of activities for the Association.
4. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of the Council and shall report to the Executive Committee Meetings.
5. The Associational Council shall meet prior to the Executive Committee.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.
2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.
3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually on Monday and Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. The fiscal year of the churches affiliated with the

Association shall end July 31. Each church shall then prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Association. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application to the Executive Committee not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

The Executive Committee shall submit its recommendations at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

159th ANNUAL SESSION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Bear Creek Baptist Church, Bakersville
Monday, August 27, 2007
3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Theme: *"Becoming Fishers of Men"*
"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17

3:30 Call to Order ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator
Prison Chaplain, Mountain View Correctional Facility

Hymn # 402 ....."Holy, Holy, Holy" ..... NICAEA
5 ....."Holy Ground" ..... Davis
Led by David Thayer, Music Director,
First Baptist Church, Spruce Pine

Welcome & Prayer ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone
Pastor, Bear Creek Baptist Church

Committee Report: Order of Business ..... Rev. Matt Mills

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

3:45 Director of Missions Report ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine

4:00 Recognitions, Announcements, Moderator's Committee, Appointments, Welcome of New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

4:30 Hymn # 102 ..... "More About Jesus" ..... Sweney

4:35 Mars Hill College ..... Dr. Gordon Benton,
Director of Church and Community Relations

4:50 Special Music ..... Velma Sturgill

5:00 Challenge Message ....Dr. Alan Carr
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Lenoir, NC

5:30 Benediction and Blessing on Meal

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator

Hymn # 60. . . "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" . . Coronation
64. . . . . ."Majesty " ..... Hayford

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Donald Davis
Pastor, Freedom Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:10 Baptist Children's Homes ..... Rev. Lewis Smith
Western Regional Director

7:25 WMU ..... Marlene Ayers

7:30 Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute ..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff

7:45 Hymn # 390 . . . . . ."Rescue the Perishing" ..... RESCUE

7:50 Mission Message ..... T.M. Abraham
Bharath Bible Society, Thrissur, India

8:15 Hymn # 381 ....."Make Me a Blessing" ..... Schuler

8:20 Special Music ..... Bear Creek Church Choir

8:30 Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine
Director of Missions

9:00 Benediction .....

Big Rock Creek Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 28, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator

Hymn # 56 . . . ."To God Be the Glory" . . . . . Doane

Welcome and Prayer . . . . . Rev. Max Holland
Pastor, Big Rock Creek Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches . . . . . Judy Greer

7:15 Special Music . . . . . Pastors' Choir

7:30 Prison Ministry . . . . . Rev. Dallas Renfro

7:45 Veterans' Ministry . . . . . Rev. Daniel Whetstine

8:00 Hymn # 415 . "We Are Called to be God's People" Austrian Hymn

8:05 Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

8:15 Special Music . . . . . Martha Huskins

8:25 Annual Sermon . . . . . Rev. Harold Grindstaff

9:00 Benediction . . . . . .

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Bear Creek Baptist Church
August 27, 2007 3:30 P.M.

1. The 159th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 27, 2007, 3:30 P.M., at Bear Creek Creek Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Don Stafford. The theme for this year's sessions was "Becoming Fishers of Men."

2. The congregation sang the hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Holy Ground," which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer, and accompanied by Marcella Miller and Wendy Ellis.

3. Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors, gave instructions for the evening meal, and opened the session with prayer.

4. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev.Matt Mills, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. One change was made to make the "Veteran's Ministry," a "Veteran's Tribute." Rev. Mills made the motion to accept the program for the 2007 Annual Session, with this one change. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-three churches were represented at this time. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out.

6. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He gave information on the past year's ministries. The most important information was that 159 people had been saved through associational programs. He also gave information on up-coming events and dates for the associational year. Rev. Whetstine made the recommendation to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

7. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.

– An announcement was given for the pastors to meet at Harris Middle School on August 30, for a Pastors/Board of Education meeting.

– Rev. Don Stafford called attention to the committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.

– Our new pastors were recognized: Rev. Jude Hughes - Fork Mountain Baptist Church and Rev. Jay Orr- Calvary Baptist Church.

8. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at the end of the associational year is $15,283.92 with a balance of $ 4,345.46 in our savings account. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

9. The Proposed Budget for 2007-2008 was also presented by our treasurer, Sondra Stewart. The total for the coming year is $70,405.00. With no questions, a motion was made for the adoption of the Budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

11. David Webb, from the Baptist Foundation was recognized. He shared

information on the purpose of the Baptist Foundation and Christian Estate Planning.

12. During miscellaneous business:
☞ Rev. Daniel Whetstine read a thank you note from Russel and Gail Hoilman, for the donation to their prison ministry.
☞ Rev. Whetstine reported that a fire truck was going to be given to the Wilderness Hispanic Church to be sold and the money used for their ministry in Mexico. The person making the donation needs a receipt, so that the firetruck would be given to the association and we in turn give the firetruck to Rev. Charles Alonso and his ministry. After some discussion and the recommendation that we get a lawyer's advice on how to handle this transaction and get a valid appraisal, a recommendation was made that we receive the firetruck. The motion was seconded and approved.
☞ Our guest speakers, Rev. Alan Carr and Rev. T.M. Abraham were welcomed.

13. The congregation was led in the hymn, "More About Jesus."

14. Dr. Gordon Benton from Mars Hill College gave us information on things that were happening around the college. He told us about an "Ignite The Fire" Crusade on November 3.

15. Special Music was provided by Velma Sturgill, who blessed us with two songs, "Called Out," and "O What A Savior."

16. Rev. Greg Hollifield introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Alan Carr.

17. Our Challenge Message was brought by Dr. Alan Carr, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lenoir. He spoke from Matthew 28:18-20, and his message was "The Great Commission or the Great Omission."

18. Rev. Matt Mills gave our benediction and blessing on the evening meal.

Break for evening meal.

19. The evening session was called to order by Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator.

20. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

21. Rev. Donald Davis, pastor of Freedom Baptist Church, read scripture from Revelation 2:1-7 and 3:14-22, and led in prayer.

22. A second roll call of the churches was given with three additional churches represented. Registration cards were once again handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

23. Rev. Lewis Smith, representative from the Baptist Children's Homes, came in the character of John Mills, founder of the Baptist Children's Homes. John Mills was born on July 9, 1831. His father was a preacher and his family took in orphans. He formed his own Thomasville Orphanage in 1885 and the North Carolina Baptists came on board after seeing what they were doing. Rev. Lewis Smith gave a good history of the Baptist Children's Homes. He thanked us for our continued support of the Children's Homes.

24. Our WMU Report was given by Mrs. Marlene Ayers. She reported on last year's projects and the upcoming Christmas projects.

25. Rev. Harold Grindstaff gave a report on Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He gave some history of the Institute and gave information on the new building program.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing."

27. Rev. Harold Grindstaff introduced our next speaker, Rev. T.M. Abraham.

28. Our missionary guest was Rev. T.M. Abraham of Thrissur, India. He works for the Bharath Bible Society in India, where there are one billion homes without Bibles.

29. The congregation sang the hymn, "Make Me a Blessing."

30. Matt Ward requested a minute of time to recommend that we take a love offering for Rev. Abraham to be used for the purchase of Bibles. An offering was taken and the amount received was $1,510.00.

31. Rev. Daniel Whetstine, our Director of Missions, brought the annual sermon. He preached from Acts 2:41-47, about "The Faithful Church," and about the passion of the early church to win people to Jesus. We were asked, "Where's our passion?"

32. Rev. David Philbeck closed this session with prayer

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Tuesday, August 28, 2007 7:00 P.M.

33. Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

34. The congregation sang the hymn, "To God Be The Glory."

35. Rev. Max Holland, pastor of Big Rock Creek, gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors and led in the opening prayer.

36. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-one churches were represented at the second night's session.

37. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir. Nineteen men participated in this choir.

38. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given. Rev. Dallas Renfro gave information on this ministry. He also stated that we wanted to have more chaplain hours at the second local prison. Rev. David Philbeck, Rev. Matt Mills, Mike Slagle, and Rev. Don Stafford all gave comments on this ministry. Rev. Don Stafford is our Prison Chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Center. They talked about the "One Day With God Camp" coming up on September 15. A motion was made for the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded and approved.

39. Our Director of Missions gave his "Veteran's Tribute." He recognized all branches of the military with their flag and with their anthem, and had individuals stand when their branch of service was presented. We stood and pledged our Christian flag and our American flag. Rev. Bob McKinney thanked all of those who had served.

40. The congregation sang, "We Are Called to Be God's People."

41. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.
– Lewis Smith from the Baptist Children's Home was welcomed for being with us again.
– Rev. Dallas Renfro announced the upcoming Singing Convention to be held on September 22 and 23 at Berry Chapel Baptist Church.
– It was stated that we received $1,510 the previous night for our offering for Bibles for India.
– Rev. Don Stafford stated that he was still available to come into the churches to give a presentation on the Prison Ministry.

42. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev Greg Hollifield, chairman of the committee. This a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. Two positions were vacant and volunteers were needed to fill these positions. Rev. Brandon Pitman volunteered to serve on the Missions Committee and Jerry Pitman was "volunteered" to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee. A motion was made to accept this report. It was seconded and approved.

43. The election of officers began with nominations for Treasurer. A motion was made to keep Sondra Stewart in that position. The motion was seconded and approved. Nominations for Clerk were asked for. It was recommended that Judy Greer keep that position. The motion was seconded and approved. Vice-Moderator was the next position to be filled. Rev. Greg Hollifield was recommended as Vice-Moderator. A motion was made for nominations to cease and the motion carried. The motion for Rev. Greg Hollifield to serve as Vice-Moderator was seconded and approved. Our Moderator serves a two-year term and Rev. Don Stafford had served for two years. A motion was made by Rev. Greg Hollifield, that Rev. David Philbeck serve as our Moderator for the next two years. A motion was made that the nominations cease and the motion carried. The motion for Rev. David Philbeck to serve as Moderator was seconded and approved.

44. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Chairman of The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2008 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Roan Mountain Baptist Church in Bakersville, and the second night at Snow Hill Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Jude Hughes, pastor of Fork Mountain Baptist Church and Rev. Dean Honeycutt, pastor of Big Crabtree Baptist Church. The dates will be August 25th and 26th.

45. In Miscellaneous Business:

☞ Rev. Mark McKinney made a recommendation that the ministry of Rev. T.M. Abraham in India, be a ministry "under the umbrella of the association," and supported through the churches of the association. Rev. Harold Grindstaff challenged everyone to give to this ministry. A motion was made that we support this ministry. The motion was seconded and approved.

☞ Rev. Donald Davis, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following information:

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 159th annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association on August 27-28, 2007, enjoyed a time of worship, fellowship and encouragement, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Bear Creek Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 27 and the wonderful meal they

provided, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Big Rock Creek Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 28; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers of the 159th annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association, August 27 and 28, 2007 express their profound gratitude to Big Rock Creek Baptist Church for their warm and generous hospitality.

A second resolution was presented to our Director of Missions.

WHEREAS, THE 159th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association of North Carolina in meeting August 27-28, 2007;

WHEREAS, we the messengers for the Mitchell Baptist Association, for fifteen years of faithful service and competent leadership;

WHEREAS, our association is financially stable and spiritually strong;

WHEREAS, a work for today and a vision for tomorrow has been clearly articulated by you,

WHEREAS, your devotion to Christ Jesus, His Kingdom's work, and to His Church is visibly seen and personally felt; and

WHEREAS, your example of the Christian faith and consistent testimony for Christ Jesus is an inspiration to us all;

BE IT RESOLVED that we commit to you our warmest thoughts and sincerest prayers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we the messengers of the Mitchell Baptist Association offer to you our love, thanks and appreciation for your dedication and commitment to Jesus Christ and to our churches.

☞ Rev. Daniel Whetstine thanked the messengers for their love and support.

46. Special music was provided by Martha Huskins. She sang "If It Weren't for Grace." Her beautiful voice was enjoyed by all.

47. The Annual Sermon was brought by Rev. Harold Grindstaff, retired pastor. His message reflected our theme and he spoke on "How to be Successful Fishers of Men." His scripture was I John 1:9.

48. A motion was made to close the 159th Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The benediction was given by Rev. Matt Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. The meeting concluded for another year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 9, 2006

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 9, 2006, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. Don

Stafford, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. Richard McKinney, associational Sunday School director, read scripture and led in the opening prayer. The following churches were represented - an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor: Bear Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, Grassy Creek, Liberty Hill, Spruce Pine, First, and White Oak. A total of fifteen people were in attendance.

In the absence of the treasurer, the clerk reported that the balance in the treasury was $14,682.81.

Richard McKinney, Sunday School director, reported that he had visited eight revivals in our local churches. This is the time that he can get into other churches without missing his own church services. (See his written report, following this report.)

In the absence of the WMU director, information was given about the following items:

⇨ Fifty-six people attended the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on November 6, at Bear Creek Baptist Church. An offering for the North American Baptist Women's Union was taken and $291.00 was received.

⇨ Over 2,000 pens were collected from our local WMUs for the Christmas Boxes for the Women's Prison in Raleigh.

⇨Supplies are being collected for the Tri-County Pregnancy Center in Burnsville for Christmas.

⇨Donations are coming in from our WMUs for the construction needs of Western Carolina Church and the Wilderness Hispanic Church.

Morris Stamey reported on the Mountain Outreach Campground Ministries. He just completed his eighth year as director and minister. This ministry is expanding, with as many as 70 people in attendance.

Rev. Stamey is also a part of the "Bikers For Christ." They go into places to witness that other people won't go.

Travis Buchanan was introduced as our new associational Brotherhood Director.

Daniel Whetstine reported that through the Baptist Men we had another team (21 people) travel to Gulfport, Mississippi. They worked on a house that a team from Bear Creek had previously worked on. They worked with Eddie and Martha Williams.

Rev. Don Stafford reported on the Prison Ministry. He stated that 41 inmates had been saved and 38 had rededicated their lives in the past month. Eighty-five had attended the Bible study and 10 Bibles had been given out. One hundred forty-four had attended worship services. Eight inmates have been baptized in the last month.

For eight nights in December, different churches are going to be going into the prison to bring and serve supper and share with preaching and singing.

"One Day With God," camps are being held. This is a time for the children of the inmates to visit.

Daniel Whetstine, our Director of Missions, reported on his new veteran's ministry, "Point Man Ministry." Since starting this ministry, he has seen 14 people saved. He is going into churches and having "Celebrate Freedom Rallies." He is also planning to go into the VA Hospital and start a one-on-one ministry.

Our special guest speakers for the meeting were Lee and Melissa Carter. They have an on-going ministry with "Big Creek Outfitters" in War, West Virginia. Lee and Melissa are members of Bear Creek Baptist Church, but Lee is originally from this area in West Virginia. He has a burden for these people. Lee and Melissa love to work with the children teaching them about Christ. They have seen eight children saved.

They need volunteers to help with this ministry. They need a church per month to travel to West Virginia.

Lee and Melissa would like to present this ministry in churches. If you would be interested in contacting them, please call the associational office for information. This would be a great youth group project.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Morris Stamey. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, February 15, 2007.

February 15, 2007

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 15th, 2007, for its regularly scheduled session. Our Moderator, Rev. Don Stafford, called the meeting to order. Rev. Brandon Pitman, pastor of Beaver Creek Branch Baptist Church, read scripture from Ezra 1, and led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: *Beaver Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Calvary, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, Liberty Hill, Lily Branch, *Little Rock Creek, and White Oak. Fifteen people were present.

The November minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. In the absence of the treasurer, copies of the Treasurer's Report was handed out. The balance as of January 31, 2007, was $13,082.22. The Moderator gave everyone a chance to look over the report and ask any questions. He also called attention to the Minute Fund, and stated that churches were not ordering as many Minute Books as in the past. He asked our Director of Missions to take a survey in the churches and see how many they really needed and used.

The Moderator made a recommendation that the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter, stand as given. It was seconded and approved.

Our Sunday School Director, Richard McKinney, stated that he had no news at this time. He will start visiting the churches again in the spring.

We had no WMU report.

Our Brotherhood Director, Travis Buchanan, stated that he had made three

trips to War, West Virginia with Lee and Melissa Carter, and was getting ready to go again. This was for construction and roof repairs to homes in that area. The association had bought a large tarp and it was used to cover two houses.

Rev. Don Stafford, who is also our Prison Chaplain, reported that the ministry there is still going great. God is blessing and souls are still being saved. Don is working on a Power Point presentation to show in the churches.

He stated that 908 inmates were fed at Christmas. The inmates presented a Cantata to those volunteers who were a part of this project. Don also stated that more volunteers were needed. He will provide an application to anyone interested. He hopes that more churches will be supportive and asked for everyone to keep praying.

Our Director of Missions gave his report.

- He is looking into changing our quarterly Executive Committee Meetings into a Semi-Annual Meeting. This would involve a spring meeting at a church, with a business session, a few reports, and then a time of worship. Our constitution would have to be changed and this would have to go through the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and presented at our Annual Meeting.
- Daniel's Veteran's Ministry, "Point Man Ministry," is still going strong. He has seen 23 people saved. He is writing his testimony, along with the plan of salvation, to go into prisons and hopes to put this information on CDs and place them for free at truck stops. He asked for prayers for "Point Man Ministry," and for people to be saved through the Celebrate Freedom Rallies.

Rev. Dallas Renfro, encouraged our churches to support the prison ministry. He stated that Don Stafford's hours had been increased from 24 to 32 per week. He also stated that he had just gone through orientation for volunteers and that most of it was on video.

There was no old business. In new business, the Moderator asked for a show of hands of who would be interested in changing our Executive Committee Meetings to a Semi-Annual Meeting. Most everyone was interested in checking into this.

Rev. Bob McKinney shared a reading on America and Iraq.

Rev. Morris Stamey reported that he would start his 9th year in the ministry at Mountain Outreach Campground Ministries. He stated that the winter had been a busy time. He had attended a Board of Directors meeting on February 12, and stated that it went well. This is a ministry and a mission to him and he hopes it will be expanding this year.

After no further business, a recommendation was made to dismiss the Executive Committee Meeting and it was seconded and approved. Steve Carpenter, member from White Oak Baptist Church, closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 10, 2007.

May 10, 2007

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 10th, 2007, for its regularly scheduled session. Rev. Don Stafford, Moderator, called the session to order. Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Liberty Hill, led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, *Beaver Creek, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Crabtree Chapel, *Liberty Hill, Lily Branch, McKinney Cove, Spruce Pine, First, and White Oak. Thirteen people were present.

The February Minutes were read by Judy Greer, clerk. A motion was made to accept the Minutes for February and it was seconded and approved. The Treasurer's Report for our third quarter was presented by Sondra Stewart. We had a balance in the treasury of $ 12,917.07 as of April 30th. Our savings account balance was $4,392.71. The report will stand as given.

Our reports were given as follows:

⇨Sunday School: Richard McKinney stated that he had visited 17 churches and encouraged churches to continue with the "Who Cares" Program, and to get out and visit.

⇨ WMU: Marlene Ayers reported that the WMU had helped two churches financially for building projects. She stated that over 2,000 pens had been collected for last year's Women's Prison Ministry. She gave information on the WMU Annual Meeting held on May 7. Because of a death in her family, her assistant Debra Buchanan hosted the meeting at Lily Branch Baptist Church. There were 77 in attendance with 11 churches represented. An offering was taken for the Baptist Children's Home, and $218.25 was collected. A new project started will be items made for Hospice patients. Patterns were available at the meeting.

⇨ Director of Missions: Daniel gave information on the Senior Adult Rally to be held on May 14, with Terry Hall as guest singer. He also reported on the Youth Rally to be held on July 20-21 at Mitchell High School. Joel Goddard will be the guest speaker with a Drama Team to perform.

☞ Information from the Prison Steering Committee Meeting was that approximately 903 treat bags would be needed for the 2007Chrismas season. A list of items needed will later be handed out. New testaments and tracts will be included.

☞ We will be involved in the project "Operation-In-As-Much" to be held state-wide next April. This will be a time to help people in your church field with specific needs.

⇨ Our Prison Ministry Report was given by Rev. Don Stafford, Chaplain. A revival was in progress with the "Rock of Ages" Revival Team. Sixteen men were baptized last month.

Rev. Stafford has completed a Power Point presentation that lasts about 45 minutes. He would love to share this in our churches. He is currently serving

as interim pastor of McKinney Cove, but he will schedule the presentation as time allows.

He suggested that we begin collecting things for the Christmas Treat bags now. He will get the list of items needed to the WMU directors and pastors.

Rev. David Philbeck, stated that his church wanted to continue to minister to the prison at Easter, with a meal, and not just at Christmas. Other churches are needed to keep this project going.

The "One Day With God" Camp will be held in September. This is when children come to spend the day with their dads. They also have a meal and a service. Many volunteers are needed for the food team and the crafts team. A training session will be held September 11 and 13 at Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

⇨Information was given on Bible Drills this past season and that Mitchell Association was well represented at our state drills.

Old business included the suggestion that our Constitution and By-Laws Committee look into changing our Executive Committee Meetings into a Semi-Annual Meeting.

A reminder was given for the Baptist Men's Disaster Training to be held in Hendersonville on June 8 and 9.

Our Moderator, informed us that our next meeting would be the Annual Meeting in August. This will take place on August 27th (at Bear Creek Baptist Church in Ledger) and August 28th (at Big Rock Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville).

With no further old or new business, our Moderator made a motion for dismissal, and it was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2006, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $2.6 million and

received $6.5 million
in contributions to existing endowments, all
of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Over $2.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $11.7 million in contributions during 2006 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2006, the Foundation held $153.1 million under management.

During 2006, our distributions totaled $8.4 million, with charity receiving $5.9 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.5 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $31.6 million has been distributed to individuals and $59.2 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $90.8 million.

Respectfully submitted,
C.V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

The GuideStone Team has been extremely busy during this past year to ensure prompt and accurate delivery of information related to retirement, insurance, staff compensation, tax issues, etc. that impact dramatically the care of persons who serve on church staff here in North Carolina. We celebrated the retirement of Amy Strickland as Administrative Specialist on our team and welcomed Betty Pleasant to that ministry position after a number of years in the convention's administrative offices. We are very grateful for the ministry of these ladies in assisting church staff and key church leaders.

On January 2, 2007, GuideStone Financial Resources, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention headquartered in Dallas, Texas, introduced a new family of funds, *My Destination Funds*, which are date targeted to a retirement participant's projected retirement date at some point in the future. For those participants who choose to invest using these funds the hassle of keeping up

with an appropriate asset allocation as the participant grows older is now removed. These funds are professionally managed and the asset allocation is adjusted automatically as the participant ages. This is a "great and wondrous" development since many church staff are focused primarily on ministry to people rather than managing their retirement account. Furthermore, the retirement funds at GuideStone exceeded their respective mutual fund peer universe median as measured by Lipper rankings during this past year.

The successful transition to a single provider for medical insurance for the GuideStone medical plans reaped great rewards as 57% of Personal Plan participants received no rate increase or a reduction in premiums. This is a "great and wonderful" thing for those who are covered with GuideStone medical insurance. Life and disability coverage continues to be tweaked to meet the needs of our church employees. Beginning with the 2007 fall semester all students enrolled at one of the Southern Baptist seminaries (we have Southeastern Seminary in North Carolina) will be covered with $10,000 of life insurance at no cost to the student and the 31 day of open enrollment from matriculation for new students continues to be very attractive.

The Church Retirement Plan is a major emphasis of the GuideStone team.. We are working hard to educate staff and key church leaders to the best retirement plan on the market today for employees of our Baptist churches. On April 1 of this year annual church budget eligibility requirements for the Mission/Church Assistance Fund were dramatically adjusted from the previous requirement of less than $40,000 per year to less than $75,000 per year. Many of our church pastors will now qualify to receive $50 per month for a five year period, but they must be active participants in the church retirement plan to receive this "great and wonderful" benefit.

Finally, we gladly promote the Endow-ment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of March 31, we had 204 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines and are receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Please assist us in identifying those persons who might qualify for this assistance.

In closing, it is our strong desire to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, or visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1-888-984-8433, or visit the new and redesigned GuideStone web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross
GuideStone State Representative

Baptist Children's Homes

Oak Ranch added to ministry...Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) entered into a relationship with Oak Ranch, a residential program for at-risk boys, to manage the facility. Located on the Lee-Harnett County line near Broadway, Oak Ranch features two existing cottages, administrative buildings and an eight-horse equine therapy component.

This is an historic event," said BCH President Michael C. Blackwell. "Baptist Children's Homes and Oak Ranch share a vision to provide hope and healing to children. This is a natural merger, and we look into the future with great hope and tremendous expectation."

Plans are in place to accept boys into care at Oak Ranch beginning in October, 2007, but the property and Oak Ranch's distinctive equine therapy program are already being utilized by BCH residents and staff members from the institution's statewide locations.

New Program Helps Children With Intensive Challenges...BCH's new Level III program outreaches to children who are struggling to overcome a greater degree of emotional and behavioral issues. The service is designed to provide a highly structured and supervised residential environment that is responsive to the need for intensive, active therapeutic treatment and interventions.

Currently, BCH offers Level III child care at Kennedy Home in Kinston and Moody Home in Franklin.

Developmental Disabilities Ministries Continues to Grow...On August 27, 2006, members of the Three Forks Association, BCH staff and other supporters gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Zionville.

The Three Forks Home is named in honor of the association for gifting the original Camp Joy property for the new homes. Lindsay Home is named in memory of Winifred B. Lindsay who donated a lead gift of $400,000. Churches, businesses, organizations and other community friends helped raise funds to build the homes. The new DDM homes are a part of Joy Cove Ministries serving families in Watauga County and the surrounding community.

BCH held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 10, 2006 to celebrate the expansion of its Developmental Disabilities Ministry to Sanford. BCH recently began building the two group homes to serve special needs adults in the Lee County area. The Sanford based ministry has been tapped Willett Mnistries. Jane Willett-Cromer, a resident of Gulf and mother of a developmentally disabled adult, gave three and a half acres of land for the Sanford-based homes to BCH in the memory of her husband Howard.

BCH and Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro hosted a "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on October 14, 2006. The ceremony celebrated the construction of BCH's new DDM group home. The group home is located on the Cross Road Retirement Community campus which is owned by Cross Road

Baptist Church. It will be called "The Asheboro Home," and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for August 26, 2007.

The 3,000 square-foot facility offers a residence for six developmentally disabled adult women and will serve families in Randolph County and the surrounding community. The home was built in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). BCH will operate the home, providing the services and the staff.

Baptists Touch BCH Through Technology... Children in BCH's care greeted messengers at the 2006 annual session of the Baptist State Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum through the power of technology. Using a web camera link, five children at Mills Home in Thomasville carried on live, real-time conversations with convention attendees and thanked them for their love and support. Mills Home children answered questions and gave "high fives" to messengers who viewed them on a large, flat panel display screen.

New Website Introduced...BCH also introduced the redesigned BCH Family (www.bchfamily.org) website during the November convention. The new website offers streamlined navigation making it easy to find information about BCH's statewide services and a variety of ways to support the ministry. New features include online journals and photo galleries from the ministries locations around the state.

Charity & Children Marks 120 Years...Charity & Children (C&C) marked its 120th anniversary in 2007. Throughout its history, it has been a strong voice speaking for Baptist Children's Homes conveying news, information, and children's success stories. The free publication is mailed to as many as 62,000 subscribers a month, with estimated readership in excess of 170,000 per issue.

Seven year *C&C* editor Jim Edminson introduced a new look for the paper in January utilizing concisely written stories, the use of vivid, large photos, ample white space, and contemporary artwork to make the publication more approachable to readers.

The BCH news publication is produced each month by its publisher and BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, Edminson, and Blake Ragsdale who was named Managing Editor in late 2006.

We are making plans to prepare North Carolina's largest family for another school year. Each year, we help the many children in our care with their education needs – clothes (pants, skirts, dresses, shirts, under garments, socks, belts and handbags), shoes, athletic and play), jackets and coats, school supplies, athletic and lab fees, instrument rentals and band fees, and book bags.

Broyhill Home -- 47th Annual Western Conference -- On Thursday, September 6, enjoy an afternoon of barbecue, gospel singing and fellowship. (Cottage tours - 4:00 p.m.; Meal - 4:45 p.m.; Program - 6:00 p.m.). Tour children's cottages, see a special program of singing and testimonies presented by children and staff, and hear from BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist State Convention president Stan Welch. Call Broyhill Home at 828-627-9254 to

register. Early registration is required.

It will soon be time to kick off this year's Thanksgiving Offering. Be among the first to see this year's new video, "Love, Give, Hope."

For more information on these events or future events, call 1-800-3669, ext. 1277.

Baptist Retirement Homes

At Baptist Retirement Homes not only are physical needs met but spiritual needs as well. At our Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, at the Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord, at the Taylor House in Albemarle, and at the Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, our Baptist chaplains serve as faithful reminders that "God is our refuge and strength."

In addition to regular worship services and Bible studies, personal visits with the chaplain enrich the lives of the residents.

Because of your partnership with us, Baptist Retirement Homes is now serving more than 700 Older Adults in our five locations across North Carolina.

Because of your partnership with us, Baptist Retirement Homes provides a full range of services to Older Adults including independent living, assisted living and nursing care as well as special programming for those with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's Disease.

Because of your partnership with us, Baptist Retirement Homes is a leader in giving care to Older Adults who lack sufficient financial resources to pay the full cost of the care they need and deserve. Sixty percent of our nursing care residents receive financial assistance and thirty-five percent of our assisted living care residents receive assistance.. This care is made possible by gifts from our Baptist churches. In 2006, funds received from North Carolina Baptists totaled approximately $1.4 million.

Because of your partnership with us, our commitment for the years ahead is to continue to bring the highest level of care to as many Older Adults as we possibly can – both those with financial resources and those who need financial assistance. We are counting on our Baptist churches to...

"not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16.

For more information call the Baptist Elder Care Network, 1-800-887-7410.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment
Assistant to the President

Baptist Hospital

In 1923, Baptist Hospital began as a "missionary enterprise" of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. In the Bible, healing is God's work of restoring well-being and wholeness – body, mind and spirit – to one who is broken. In 2007, our mission of healing is reaching thousands of hurting people, combining the leading edge of medicine with the grace of compassion. As God's servants, we consider our mission to be a great privilege and responsibility.

A Leading Provider of Medical Care in the United States:

- We are ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" *by U.S. News and World Report* (2006), and one of the top 50 hospitals (over 6,000) since 1993.
- *"The Best Doctors in America"* (2005) includes 149 physicians from the Medical Center. Less than 10% of U.S. hospitals have doctors listed in this ranking.
- Our Comprehensive Cancer Center, a national leader in cancer care and research, is home to 13 cancer specialists listed among *"America's Top Doctors for Cancer 2006."*
- Our Heart Center is an internationally recognized leader in state-of-the-art cardiac treatment and research.
- Our patient satisfaction scores are among the nation's best, in the top 3% compared to our peers..

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact Health On-Call at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www.wfubmc.edu.

As partners with North Carolina Baptists, we are fulfilling our mission of *"providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ."* We are grateful for the support of Cooperative Program Missions Giving, allowing us to broaden the healing reach of Christ through three vital ministries.

➳ CareNet's Pastoral Counseling Centers provide compassionate, highly skilled, faith-integrated counseling to hurting individuals, couples and families.

- Our statewide network of 19 counseling centers extends the ministry of churches.
- Among the largest pastoral counseling ministries in the nation, CareNet will provide 27,000 hours of counseling in 2007.
- Thanks to the support of N.C. Baptists, counseling is provided at a reasonable cost and subsidized for clients who need assistance. No one is turned away due to lack of resources to pay.

➳ The Center for Congregational Health is helping churches grow stronger through ministries of expert consultation and education.

- We serve approximately 25 churches per month with long range

planning, strategies to energize congregations, and conflict reconciliation.

- 600 ministers and church leaders per year receive leadership training in a variety of educational events.
- Since 1992, we have trained over 1,800 clergy for interim ministry.

»» The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department provides compassionate spiritual care to our patients and families and specialized pastoral care training for ministers.

- 54,015 ministry contacts were made in 2006.
- 66 ministers received training in 2006 through our Clinical Pastoral Education programs.
- Worship services for patients, families and staff are held every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in our Davis Memorial Chapel.

The Mother's Day Offering: Care in the Name of Christ's Love: Thanks to the Christ-centered compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received $708,600 in 2006, exceeding the generosity of any previous year. Every dollar of every gift helps pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist Hospital. Having too much to qualify for government assistance, but not enough to pay bills they are responsible for, they feel the hand of God lifting their burdens.

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. The amount of $76,785 was provided in 2006, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

From the President: Every day at Baptist Hospital our founding mission of healing is being advanced, from the expertise of modern medicine and technology to the grace of compassion and simple kindness. We are committed to being one of the best hospitals in the nation. We are humbled to God's healing mercy at work through the care we seek to provide. On behalf of our staff, thank you for being partners with us in this sacred mission of hope.

Respectfully submitted,
Donny C. Lambeth
Interim President

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

Students at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute are here basically because they have received a call from God to serve Him. Many of them are older. One student, after hearing other students talking about running from God, said, "If these professors don't let up, I am going to run some more." He graduated from

Fruitland with an Associates degree. He recently received his Bachelor's degree from another school. We have students who come to Fruitland without a High School diploma. They get a G.E.D. and finish Fruitland. Many of them have completed Master's degrees and even Doctorates.

Christian education has been going on here at Fruitland since 1899. The campus was purchased by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in the early 1940s as a site for a conference center. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute actually began on this campus in 1946.

A personal visit became the catalyst for the actual beginning of Fruitland as a Bible Institute. Dr. J.C. Canipe was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Boone, North Carolina. He learned that a fellow pastor in the area, Vilas Minton, was sick and needed some help. Dr. Canipe took a supply of groceries to the Minton family. He and Pastor Minton became friends. Later, Pastor Minton asked whether Dr. Canipe would start some classes for him and other pastors who had not had the opportunity for formal preparation for ministry. Dr. Canipe began some classes in the facilities of the First Baptist Church. Several pastors from the surrounding area joined the local pastors in attending these classes. Dr. Canipe was invited by the Baptist State Convention to move these classes to the Fruitland campus and the Bible institute began. We completed sixty years of service in 2006.

Fruitland continues to serve students with unique needs. Our student body is diverse in ages, ethnic and national backgrounds, academic achievement, and spiritual development. The common characteristics of these students are faith in Christ, and experience of a call to ministry, and a sense of need for basic academic, spiritual, and practical preparation.

Presently, Fruitland offers an associate degree in religion/church ministries involving two years of study. The degree requires either high school graduation or the G.E.D. and the completion of 125 quarter hours of academic credit. During the 2006-2007 year the cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment was 267. Many students go on to other institutions and graduate with honors.

Once again this year many special events took place. We had Founder's Days with Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee and Dr. Herb Reavis of Jacksonville, Florida. In October we had our annual Alumni Day and Preaching Week. Dr. D. L. Lowrie, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, was a visiting professor. His wife, Alice, spoke for the annual Women's Retreat led by Mrs. Ann Ridings.

Dr. Kenneth Ridings continues to serve as President of Fruitland. The expansion of the chapel is well under way. Hopes are high that it will be ready for graduation in December. Fruitland continues to fulfill a commitment to be "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." We invite you to come and visit the campus just east of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Groups from churches can arrange a tour and a meal in our cafeteria. Contact Ken Houston, Director of Campus Services, by e-mail at services@fruitland.edu or call 828-

685-8886. Our web site may be accessed at www.fruitland.edu.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for establishing and continuing to support the ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. By doing so you strengthen a kingdom enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,
J.D. Grant
Vice-President for Academics

Mars Hill College

The 150th Anniversary of Mars Hill College's ministry in the mountains of western Carolina has provided ample evidence that God is still doing great and wondrous things here. A look around the campus reveals much physical evidence, but there is much more happening than simply new construction.

Our enrollment continues to move in a positive direction, thanks to the hard work of our admissions office staff (in conjunction with the entire campus community), and we expect more great things to come in that area in the days ahead. We're just a few weeks into the second year of a five-year, $2 million federal Title III Strengthening Institutions project that is enabling MHC to address many issues which impact small colleges' ability to attract, retain, and graduate students. Through this project and related initiatives we will be in excellent position to meet our institutional goal of increasing traditional student enrollment to 1,200 by 2011.

The ministry of Mars Hill is also being revealed through the work of Chaplain Todd Boling; Dr. Gordon Benton, our Director of Church and Community Relations; and the various student ministries on campus. Rev. Boling is helping continue a renewal of student interest and involvement in spiritual life, not only through our weekly Crossroads chapel services, but also through in-the-field mission work. As has been a long tradition at Mars Hill, several groups of students chose to spend their spring break, not relaxing at the beach, but rather in mission service around the world. The Christian Student Movement group worked in an orphanage and the surrounding community in Honduras; several students in the Refuge student ministry spent their break in Thessaloniki, Greece, working in a Gypsy village and on a Greek college campus; and the LifeWorks program took a team to New Orleans to continue ongoing hurricane recovery efforts the MHC students and staff have been involved with since the devastating storms of 2005. The past year, through the work of Dr. Benton, also saw the renewal of one of Mars Hill's longtime ministries: our conference for pastors. We welcomed three dynamic ministers to campus for these conferences – Dr. Charles Chandler, Dr. Chuck Bugg, and Dr. Jim Henry – not to mention the local church pastors and other ministers who attended the conferences.

God is doing wondrous things in the academic realm at Mars Hill. Our first Spring SLAM (Student Liberal Arts Mosiac) was a resounding success, as students exhibited, performed, displayed, and otherwise presented their research, performance, and creativity. Plans are already well underway for the second SLAM in the coming spring semester. Our athletes regularly receive recognition for their activities on the court and field, but we're also proud of their academic achievements. Several individual athletes received conference and regional "all academic team" recognition; two were named Academic All Americans; the women's cross country team earned national All-Academic Team Honor; and the women's basketball team was ranked for the second straight year in the Top 25 Team Honor Roll, which is based on the highest team grade point average among the NCAA's three divisions, NAIA, and junior/community colleges. Along with this good academic news comes more exciting news. At its spring meeting, the MHC board of trustees approved moving forward with plans to establish the college's first graduate level program, which will be in teacher education.

As for the (literal) concrete physical evidence, the landscape of the Mars Hill campus continues to grow. The Ferguson Math and Science Center is well on its way to completion as MHC's first new academic building in three decades. Our football team played its last home game of the season on our brand new field turf playing surface. That's just one of the major improvements to our primary athletic stadium, which has been totally upgraded with new grandstands and the new Scott Merrill Press Box, allowing our football, soccer, and lacrosse teams to play and practice in a state of the art facility

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Higgins, Chair of Trustees — Dan G. Lunsford, President

Cooperative Program

Throughout 2007 your Cooperative Program continued to be the best way for North Carolina Baptists to work together and cooperatively support a goal, nationwide and statewide program of missions, evangelism and ministry.

No other program will send a Christian dollar to as many places or touch as many lives for God's Kingdom!

The 2007 Cooperative Program budget is for $37,786,000. It is only when we work together as Baptists and consolidate our missions dollars into a single unified budget that we can support major ministries and missions projects needed to share the gospel with a lost world!

Our Cooperative Program supports thousands of missionaries, ministry specialists and many types of work, yet it operates quite simply.

Here's how: Each November when North Carolina Baptists hold their annual

meeting, they adopt a Cooperative Program budget, currently in two-year cycles. That budget determines what work we support together and how much.

During the year congregations of all sizes, located across the state, send in their Cooperative Program checks to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary. There the accountants divide up the money according to the budget and send it on its way to the many ministries we support.

That's why we say we give *through* the Cooperative Program, not *to* it.

The Cooperative Program is a *channel*, the way we divide up money among Baptist causes we support; it is not a destination.

This is how we as North Carolina Baptists support five colleges and a Bible institute, a major children's home, missions work across North America and around the world, plus a newspaper and a foundation.

Your Cooperative Program also supports the staff of your Baptist State Convention. This staff – your state missionaries – help hundreds of churches like yours each year in many kinds of work, from prayer ministry and church outreach programs to Sunday School and music, to discipleship training, insurance and retirement programs for church staff, among others.

Your Cooperative Program also provides hefty support to Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men, augmenting the support you and other North Carolina Baptists provide these important organizations through the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Bright Outlook: Consider that more than 1,500 churches increased their Cooperative Program giving amount for 2006 over 2005. That means more than a third of the convention's churches have voted with their pocketbooks for the 1-3-6 Challenge!

What's that? It's a challenge to every church to increase its Cooperative Program giving by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all convention churches will do so, it will produce $6 million a year in additional funds for the convention's vast program of work!

But there's a prior challenge. That challenge is for more North Carolina Baptists to learn about the amazing variety and depth of missions, evangelism and ministry they support through their Cooperative Program.

We have had the Cooperative Program since 1925. It has served Baptists so well, that if we woke up tomorrow and did not have it, we would rush to recreate the same thing! It is worth supporting and worth supporting more.

Giving will skyrocket when all North Carolina Baptists realize there's no other method which will send a Christian dollar to more places or touch more lives for God's Kingdom, than a dollar given through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Creswell, Senior Consultant
Cooperative Program, Baptist State Convention

State Missions

Jesus taught his followers through stories or parables. At the end of a tale, He would often say, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." It was His way of asking, "Are you listening? Did you hear what I said? Are you going to take My words to heart and put them into action in your life?"

In countless ways each day, God is calling every Christian to put their faith and desire to obey Him into action. We are not simply to be hearers of the Word, but doers, listening and acting in obedience to God's commands (James 1:22).

Across our state, North Carolina Baptists are listening – and obeying. We have heard Christ's call to serve the needs of our world, both physically and spiritually through the missions and ministries supported by the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Changed lives result from hearts responding to the missions education efforts of Woman's Missionary Union. North Carolina Baptist Men are ahead of schedule on rebuilding their new goal of 700 hurricane-ravaged homes in Gulfport, Mississippi. Church planters started 88 new churches in North Carolina last year, providing believers from diverse cultures with a fellowship in which to grow, mature, and bear fruit for the Kingdom. Convention areas of special ministries, chaplaincy, associational missions, and others are all responding to the needs placed before them.

These are the ministries that receive primary support through the North Carolina Missions Offering, ministries born in response to Jesus' telling us to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

The 2007 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer theme, " Are You Listening," challenges us to listen to the words of our Lord and take the necessary steps to put our faith into action.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been and continues to be a partner with local churches, Baptist associations, national and international missions organizations in response to our Acts 1:8 mandate. How can you be part of the work? Listen and obey.

2006 Facts and Figures about North Carolina:

- Population – 8,856,505
- Largest number of ethnic churches - Hispanic.
- Number of Baptist churches in state – 4,078
- Number of baptisms – 22,576
- Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches – 1,122,343

Sunday School

It has been another enjoyable year for me as Associational Sunday School director. I have made a total of 26 visits in revivals or other services. The numbers I have seen for Sunday School on an average would be around 60. In this coming year, let's try to set a goal to reach in Sunday School.

As director of Crabtree Chapel Baptist Church, our goal by the Lord's help, will be 100.

In February, the Lord put a mission on my heart to show our pastors and their wives that we appreciate them. I have completed 47 and I still have a few more to go. The Lord has really blessed in this and I am looking forward to fulfilling the rest of this mission.

Remember to put your revival services in the *Mitchell Messenger*. Let's all try to attend these services and fellowship with each other once again. God bless you all.

Matthew 22:9
Respectfully submitted,
Richard McKinney

Prison Ministry

May I take this time to say thank you for placing your confidence in me as your chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. I have been involved with this ministry since March 1, 2006. For the past year (August 2006-July 2007) we have seen 126 souls saved and 349 rededications. We were honored to baptize 24 men last year.

Another one of the ministries that I look after here at Mountain View is called the Love Ministry. This ministry was developed for the men that are considered indigent or have no money coming in from the outside. Men that have jobs or receive money from their family are able to purchase certain food items from the canteen and donate these items to the Chaplain's Office where we then bag up those items and give them to the men that are in need. Last year, this ministry was able to reach 118 men who were in need.

In August 2006, a "Celebrate Freedom Rally" was held, conducted by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions for the Mitchell Baptist Association. This special service honored veterans in all branches of the armed forces. There were 28 men in attendance. Also in the month, Gulf Coast Ministries held three-day revival services with 284 men in attendance.

In September 2006, the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There were 198 men in attendance. The ministry team came again in July 2007. There were 244 men in attendance and 10 men were either saved or rededicated their lives to Christ.

In October 2006, the Forgiven Ministries came in and showed a Christian film along with several men on the team witnessing to the men, and the ministry also provided some much needed cosmetics for all the prisoners. There were over 540 men who attended the service and 16 of them professed Christ as Savior. Also in October, "New Beginnings," with Chaplain Keith Honeycutt held three-day revival services. There were 324 men in attendance.

In November 2006, the Forgiven Ministries with Scottie Barnes held a "One Day with God" Camp at Mountain View. The ministry team came and brought the children of our men to spend the day with their fathers. Several volunteers from around the community also helped with this ministry.

In December 2006, 12 local churches (9 Baptist churches) came into the facility and held special services and brought Christmas dinners for 864 men. During the services, volunteers sang Christmas carols and gave testimonials. Also during the month, the Mountain Movers' Choir and Redeemed Drama Team presented a special Christmas Cantata/Drama entitled, "The Birth of Jesus." There were 99 men in attendance.

In March, 2007, "Fireproof" which is a Christian strongman team from Asheville, conducted a special demonstration and ministry service in the gym. There were 240 men in attendance. There were 22 men that rededicated their lives to Christ.

In April 2007, the Liberty Hill Baptist Church brought supper for about 130 men and the Redeemed Drama Team (that are a group of about 15-20 men) put on the "No Greater Love" and the pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Rev. David Philbeck, spoke to the congregation and gave an invitation where 3 men were saved with 20 rededications.

In May 2007, Truth in Love Ministries with Donnie Burns conducted three days of special worship services. There were 267 men in attendance and several men rededicated their lives to Christ. Also in May, One-man Quartet – Terry Hall, came to Mountain View to hold a special concert for the men. There were 48 men in attendance.

In June 2007, the Redeemed Drama Team conducted a special Father's Day service. There were 126 men in attendance.

I also want to say that several volunteers from the community have helped us a lot and I really appreciate them very much.

Again, may I say thank you for your continued support and to those who have recently started supporting us. May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaplain Don Stafford

What A Volunteer Chaplain Means To Me

My name is Thomas Estes and I am an inmate at Mountain View Correctional Institution. I have been incarcerated for over 18½ years on a life sentence. Since 1991, I have been associated with the Chaplaincy Services at several correctional facilities and have been a Chaplain's Clerk for over 12½ years.

During all the time spent working around the Chaplains' offices, I have come to understand just how valuable and necessary volunteer chaplains are to the various ministries they serve at their respective facilities. Most correctional facilities have a State Chaplain but that individual's time is limited due to having to make sure all the "t's are crossed" and "i's are dotted" while the volunteer chaplain is able to spend more of his time getting to know the men and providing much needed personal ministry.

Volunteer chaplains have been important to me throughout my incarceration, but no more so than when I lost my mother in December of 2002. I saw first hand just how much volunteer chaplains are needed as I was allowed to contact my family and be with them at the funeral home on the day of her funeral. Even recently, at this facility, Chaplain Stafford assisted me in contacting my brother who just had cancer surgery.

I cannot express enough how important volunteer chaplains are to me and every other inmate incarcerated in prison. Just knowing that there is someone who will sit down and take their time to listen to your problems lifts a really huge burden off of a man's shoulders. It has made me come to realize that without volunteer chaplains, many incarcerated men would never take the time to talk with someone about any problems that they may have, which would not allow those men to face their problems and eventually overcome them.

I would like to thank everyone necessary for being allowed the opportunity to express my thoughts concerning this matter.

Thomas Estes

WMU

2007-2008 Theme: "Live The Call"

What is WMU all about? What is Baptist Women Missionary Union about? It's all about a relationship with Jesus Christ! Our goal in Mitchell Association's WMU in 2007-2008 is to bring honor to Him!

This year we want to start WMU in the 12 churches in our association that has no WMU. We want to encourage the ones that do to be more faithful to promoting the "Great Commission" in their churches.

We have had a good year in Mitchell Association's WMU. The Lord provided Debra Buchanan as assistant WMU director. Debra called after the

Annual Meeting last year and said she felt the Lord calling her to do this task. We praise the Lord for adding Debra to our team.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Bear Creek Baptist Church on Monday, November 6, 2006, 7:00 p.m. We had 56 prayer warriors present. Our offering for North American Baptist Union (Women's Department) was $291.00. Part of this offering was used for Christian Women's Job Corps in North Carolina.

The Annual Associational WMU Celebration was held at Lily Branch Baptist Church. This was the first time this meeting was held in this beautiful church. Due to a family death, I was unable to be present. Assistant director, Debra Buchanan, on short notice, very capably led the meeting. Jack and Doris Hancox, retired missionaries were our special speakers. "If you want to do evangelism, you had better do ministry first," was a quote Jack used. He followed with some specific needs in our county. Hospice volunteers was one area of need.

Patsy Graham, on behalf of Mitchell County Hospice volunteers, gave a mission challenge. As a result some of our ladies have been busy making bibs and pillows for Hospice patients. Special music was presented by Velma Sturgill. Our offering was for Baptist Children's Homes to help with their Food Drive. A total of $218.25 was received.

This past year one WMU project was to help buy electrical wiring for the two new churches being built in our association.

Our Christmas projects were collecting items for Tri-County Pregnancy Center and our usual project of helping with the "Big Red Box" ministry for Women's Prison of North Carolina. We are helping with that again this year, as well as with the "Christmas Bags" for the local men's prison ministry. We will help by providing items to fill over 800 bags.

We are partnering with Yancey Association in collecting Campbell products' labels to acquire a van for their Hispanic ministry. It takes 1.9 million labels. Save your labels. God can use them.

Our ongoing project in WMU is to pray for all of our pastors. My prayer for Mitchell Association's WMU is that we will have an unwavering awareness that there are lost people all around us. If we can comprehend that, we will "with gladness," help with men's and women's prison ministries or collect Campbell products' labels or pray for our pastors. We have an awesome responsibility to win people to Jesus by any means.

Our 2007-2008 featured scripture is Colossians 1:10: "Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." WMU makes a big difference in our churches in getting the Gospel out!

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers

Wilderness Hispanic Church

The Wilderness Hispanic Church will open its doors to our new church building in August, 2007, (Lord willing). Thanks for all your continual support of our Hispanic ministries.

It has been a long two years, but we are out of debt – the Lord's faithfulness is never-ending – we will have an open house soon.

"But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in both in Jerusalem (our very own home town) *and in all Judea* (our neighboring towns), *and in Samaria* (even those we have at times considered the rejected people of the world), *and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8 (emphasis added)

As obedient followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, and true workers of His will, we must go and make disciples in every nation under heaven. Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15.

With this in mind we believe that our Lord is calling us along with other believers to start a mission outreach fifteen minutes north of the city of San Fernando, Mexico. "The Wilderness Camp" is about one hour south of Brownsville, Texas, and half an hour from the Gulf of Mexico. On July 20, 2005, Hurricane Emily destroyed much of the area around San Fernando, northeast Mexico. But in the midst of this disaster God has given us an "open door." Revelation 3:8.

"The Wilderness Camp" has 248 acres, and although many of the buildings were severely damaged, we are hoping and praying that soon we can rebuild it. With your prayers and participation we are hoping that our Wilderness Camp (a place for people that are in "the wilderness" of their lives) will soon become an alternative school and training center for future pastors and teachers, missionaries and evangelists. We are praying that our Lord will send us the right families and the support needed for this challenging ministry in northeast Mexico.

It is evident that if we turn our backs on the Mexican crisis of the present day, that very soon their help will come from atheistic and communist countries that are eager to see Mexico fall into their evil web (this was Fidel Castro's ultimate goal: to see a communist web through much of Central and South America in order to see the fall of the United States).

Please consider all the ramifications of this dark future for Mexico. We must do all we can to fight against this evil work, for many countries near and far have already fallen into this end-times trap.

We are hoping and praying for a few Bible believing churches and friends to come along side us:

1. To help us restore the "Wilderness Camp" to a working ministry and outreach.

2. To help us equip and train young believers to teach and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We truly believe what Dr. M.A. Thomas of India (with Hopegivers International) told us one day: **"Train nationals in their nation."** We must be willing to live and share with our Mexican brothers and sisters with a true and living gospel based on the Biblical mandates. We must learn to live daily in fellowship like the brethren in Berea: *"For they were noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, to see whether those things were so."* Acts 17:11 and I Corinthians 16:9.

Jesus told the people of His day: *"Search the Scriptures, for in them you have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me."* John 5:39. (emphasis added)

"For we are His workmanship (God's working), created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

"The Connection" between our ministries here in the States and our brothers and sisters in Mexico will seek to start and establish this new ministry and outreach all for the glory of our Lord Jesus.

With your participation we will work together in order to train, teach, and equip many in the Lord."

"We thank God upon every remembrance of you." and for the great love our Lord has given to all of you who are willing to do His will. For the Scriptures truly assure us that *"the world will pass away, and the lust thereof: but he that (whosover) does the will of God abides forever."* I John 2:17.

For more information contact Rev. Charles Alonso, 765-1066 or 828-775-0009, or go to www.wildernessmission.net.

Thanks for praying. Thanks for caring. Thanks for sharing.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Charles Alonso

Bible Drills

Children, Youth, High School and Speakers' Tournament

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Timothy 3:15

This verse teaches us that when children and youth are taught the Word of God that it can and will make them wise enough to accept Jesus through faith. There is nothing greater than seeing a child brought to Christ. A life saved is worth it all.

So churches – how about getting these programs started in your church, if you haven't already. I am ready and willing to help you any way I can. It is so important and needful that our children and youth put scriptures in their memory and heart.

We will be having a Bible Drill Workshop at the Associational Office on Monday, October 8, 2007. We will be going over the basics of Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament. We will also try to answer any questions you may have.

There were 11 churches involved in our Bible Drills this year. They were held at Bear Creek Baptist Church on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

The following children participated in the Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth graders).

Altapass: Derrick Wiseman, Trent McPeters, Johan Crouse

Berry Chapel: *Becky Ramsey, Tamra Maynor, Rachel Silver, Cassidy Greene, Caitlin Greene, Jake Virnelson, Alexis Yelton, Joey Brown, Caitlin Blevins

Bethel: Whitney Brown, Darien Daniels

Central: Abbigayle Atkins, Alex English, Myles Heavlin, Rachel Heavlin

Chestnut Grove: *Kasey Lyons, Jacey Glenn, Brittany Lyons

Crabtree Chapel: Bethany Allen, Cory Blevins

Liberty Hill: Jessica Hoilman

Pine Branch: *Haven Jenkins

Roan Mountain: *Eden Buchanan, Kemberly McKinney, Luke Deyton, Jake Deyton

The following youth participated. A double asterisks (**) indicates a six year participant. These would be ninth graders.

Berry Chapel: **Randy Ramsey, Jr., Whitney Maynor

Freedom: Tyler Hollifield

Pine Branch: Destiny Jenkins

Roan Mountain: **Kolby Silver, Andrew McKinney, Maggie Buchanan

Spruce Pine, First: Eve Duncan

We had three participants in the Speakers' Tournament this year. Leigh Maynor from Berry Chapel; Julie Davis from Freedom; and Seth McClellan from Bethel. Our representative that went to the next level at Biltmore Baptist Church in Arden was Leigh Maynor. Her speech was "Building Bridges." She then traveled to Greensboro where she came in second at the State Bible Drills. We are very proud of her for this accomplishment.

These children are like Timothy. They have been introduced and grounded in the Word of God. They did an excellent job this year. Our association has a lot to be proud of. These children and youth will be an asset to our society and county. Thank God for churches and leaders who have a heart for helping children learn these scriptures. It also teaches them discipline, how to be faithful, how to be good speakers, and to love the Word of God. Bible Drill not only puts His Word in children and youth, it also strengthens the leaders and

parents. How many adults would sit down and learn the books of the Bible, 25 Bible verses, 10 key passages, or write a speech, if it weren't for their children or youth being involved in these programs. Praise be to God and the North Carolina Discipleship Training Department that our children and youth have this opportunity.

I would also like to say we had a workshop in the Avery Association in July with six people in attendance. They were very enthusiastic about starting Bible Drill in their association. Please pray that God will help them get started. Pray that God will keep them encouraged and give them the strength to see Bible Drill become an annual event in their association. It only takes one little spark to get a fire going, and I think they had that at their meeting. Thanks Daniel, for working so hard to get this started.

I am also working to get it started back in Yancey Association. I spoke with a girl who was interested in getting Bible Drill started in her church. Pray that there will be a great awakening to how important it is to hide God's Word in our hearts, and in the hearts of children and youth. I remember that song we used to sing when I was a youth, "Pass It On." Just get a spark going. With God's help that's what I want to do is just pass it on down to generation after generation. Pray that as an associational leader, I will be able to do just that. God has blessed me so tremendously that I could never repay Him, if I tried a million years. So in God's strength I have a desire to do the best I can and that's all He expects from any of us. To God be the glory, great things He has done. Thanks for letting me be your associational leader. Thanks to Judy Greer for all she does for Bible Drill. She does a tremendous job. Please come to our workshop this fall. If you need anything, please call me at 688-2407 or Judy at the associational office, 765-9412.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson

Biblical Recorder

Tony Cartledge, editor for the past nine years, has retired from the *Biblical Recorder* to become associate professor of Old Testament at Campbell University Divinity School. In July the board elected Norman Jameson, a journalist with 30 years' experience in Baptist communications, as the new editor.

Jameson, 54, comes most recently from the staff of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, where he was executive leader for public relations and resource development. He started his career in 1977 as feature editor of Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention's daily news service.

He also has been associate news director for Southwestern Seminary, associate editor of the Oklahoma *Baptist Messenger,* director of communications and editor of *Charity and Children* for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina and for five years was a consultant in public relations and capital fund raising.

The *Recorder's* position as a source of news, features, inspiration and connection is growing stronger as more people get their news daily – or more often – through the www.biblicalrecorder.org web site. Recently that site has received 300,000 visitors monthly. The *Recorder* is committed to keeping the news web site vital and current. It is a phenomenal source of searchable history for the past 10 years of North Carolina Baptist life. Yet it is current to the hour.

At this point, use of the web site for readers is without charge. Staff is investigating ways the web site might return revenue to the *Recorder*, although web culture internationally is that content is free. The *Recorder* sells unobtrusive advertising on the site and will look to expand that presence.

On the print side, the *Recorder* remains the single greatest source for North Carolina Baptists to stay in touch with each other and to stay informed about their cooperative work worldwide. Where else are you going to learn about a church fire, pastor and staff movement, a successful Vacation Bible School, youth weeks at Caswell and about the work of your Conventions – locally, nationally and internationally?

In addition to keeping you informed of the regular workings of your cooperative efforts, the *Recorder* is going to bring special issues, addressing topics of interest to young families, parents and grandparents. The person in your church with no real interest in denominational issues will still find valuable information on daily living in the *Recorder.*

Postage went up $1,400 per issue in July, which translates to $38,000 annually, which will necessitate a subscription cost increase, pending board action in October. Cooperative Program receipts are trailing projections through July 2007, resulting in further budget shortfall.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the Baptist State Convention, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program Missions Giving contributions from churches, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost of production. You can receive a free three-month subscription for yourself and your friends. Contact: Biblical Recorder, 232 W. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919)847-2127
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North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is the domestic missions agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our defined mission is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States, Canada and U.S. territories in effectively performing these functions.

We do this by focusing on three major objectives: sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries. Did you know:

☞Three out of four people in the U.S. and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

☞ More than four Southern Baptist churches are started every day in the U.S. and Canada.

☞ Over 5,000 missionaries are proclaiming the gospel in North America. There are three categories of missionaries serving through NAMB: Career, Limited Term and Mission Service Corps.

Most North American Mission Board missions personnel are jointly funded with state Baptist conventions and receive support from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The 2007 goal was $57 million, of which 100% will directly support missionaries and their ministries.

The agency also provides assistance to churches, associations, and state conventions in church planting and evangelism, including soul-winning training, interfaith witness, and church and community ministries.

Southern Baptists have a goal of doubling the number of Southern Baptist churches by the year 2020. Mission pastors serve English-speaking and language churches in rural and urban settings.

Church and community ministries such as Pregnancy Care Centers, literacy missions, Baptist center work, weekday ministries, and immigration and hunger ministries result in more than 30,000 professions of faith each year.

There were 1,715 high school and college students who answered God's call as summer, sojourner, or semester missionaries last year resulting in 1,016 professions of faith and 682 rededications.

All seven Southern Baptist seminaries including the Canadian Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have Nehemiah Project professors in place. Because of this partnership to mobilize new church planters, nearly 900 church planter interns have been appointed to serve in summer, semester, and full-time capacities.

More than 50,000 people are trained in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. In partnership with Baptist state conventions, more than 17 million meals were served in 2006 to victims of disasters.

The vision statement of the NAMB is as follows: "We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the

opportunity to hear the Gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers."

International Mission Board

Exciting progress continues to spread among the nations through baptisms, new church starts and the ongoing spread of the Gospel.. The International Mission Board has been charged with the task of leading churches to evangelize all people outside the United States and Canada.. Over 5,000 missionaries serve through the IMB.

We rejoice in new people groups being engaged with the Gospel, more baptisms, new churches and leaders discipled and trained. But numbers are not the main point.

Each of the 479,000 baptisms represents a new believer who has been born again and has assurance of eternal life because of personal faith in Jesus Christ. Each of the 23,000 new churches represents an ongoing nucleus of witness in a community where that witness previously did not exist. And churches reproduce as believers are discipled and trained to share their faith and lead others. The latest annual report shows that 158,000 leaders participated in nonresidential training, and 20,000 others studied in Bible schools and seminaries.

Last year, Southern Baptist workers asked for prayer for the Western Cham, a predominantly Muslim group of 150,000 in Cambodia. A year later, the region reported how God moved among them.

An associate with the region shared how one Southern Baptist worker's decision to "go out with a bang" helped make this happen. Before going on stateside assignment, the worker shared his faith with several Muslim friends who had not yet heard the Gospel.

"When he got back, he found that the Lord had been using that message, and there were a number of people who had come to faith in Christ during his absence," said the associate. "Over the next year or so they saw about 1,500 Western Cham come to know the Lord."

Since then, the Gospel has spread to more than twice that number. The latest report shows that 3,400 of them have accepted Christ. Southern Baptist workers also have helped distribute portions of the Bible to them in their own language; and the "JESUS" film is on the way.

In Northern Africa and the Middle East, the region has shown progress after nearly doubling from 57 new churches to 101 in one year.

In Central Asia, one people group in the region increased from 760 baptisms to 4,500 baptisms in one year.

In South Asia, the region nearly doubled in new church starts by growing from more than 1,700 to 3,400. They also reported 48,489 baptisms.

In West Africa, in one year, moved from 350 new church starts to more than 600. The region also increased in new believers in discipleship from 30,140 to

66,101.

While we rejoice at the power of God in these statistics, we are always aware of the other side of the picture.

Out of 6.6 billion people, more than 16.5 billion of them still have little or no access to the Gospel. That is reason enough for God's people to continue spreading His Word around the globe.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be coming up soon. This year's theme for the Week of Prayer and this offering is "Tell Me The Story of Jesus." This offering is collected for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work. The goal for the 2007 offering, which will be received until May 31, 2008, is $165 million.

During 2007 the International Mission Board is focusing on the former Soviet Union. One of the world's largest military empires, the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, opening doors for Christians to share their faith. But those doors could be closing, and 350 people groups remain unreached.

This year, won't you lead your church to give generously to the Lottie Moon offering so the lost can hear that same simple story that changed your life?

Christian Action League of North Carolina

The Christian Action League currently represents conservative evangelicals from 15 Christian denominations in the Tar Heel State that cooperatively address the social, ethical and moral issues impacting the lives of Christians today. The Christian Action League ministers in several areas of vital concern, making it strategic to the moral climate of North Carolina.

We are in the General Assembly of North Carolina with a full-time presence promoting legislation that is consistent with a Christian world view. We advocate for those measures that strengthen the family and oppose legislation that would erode the family structure. We are the voice of conservative evangelical Christians in the State Legislature.

We discourage the promotion and use of alcohol and other drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and other sinful practices that not only undermine the spiritual lives of those who participate in them, but also undermine the strength of our State and National character.

Today the Christian Action League has representatives serving on its Advisory Board in nearly all 100 counties of the Tar Hill state. It has the largest network of members, volunteers, and churches of any Christian Public Policy organization in North Carolina.

The long session of the 2007-2008 biennium of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned on Thursday, August 2. All the dangerously critical legislation that the Christian Action League had been informing and warning its constituents about failed to advance as legislative successes.

"But for the grace of God and the efforts of passionate Christian activism,

measures that would have codified homosexuals as a specially protected class, research that would have destroyed embryos with the support of tax dollars, and the proliferation of alcohol sales – all would have become reality in this state," said Rev. Mark Creech, executive director of the Christian Action League. "As I traveled on the one hour drive back home on Thursday night, my heart was lifted in thanksgiving toward heaven again and again. I believe God in His mercy continues to spare us," he added.

CAL continues to provide critical information regarding social and moral issues via its interactive website www.christianactionleague.org. The website seeks to keep the church abreast of the latest developments in the culture war – both from a national and statewide perspective.

Whenever an urgent legislative issue arises in the General Assembly of North Carolina, CAL typically responds by sending out an *Urgent Action Alert.* These alerts are designed not simply to inform Christians, but to mobilize them at the grassroots level. Their purpose is to encourage constituents to put pressure on their lawmakers to vote on legislation a certain way.

One of our most important tasks is training, developing, and motivating Christians to be involved in the political process. We want to mobilize Christians to be as Jesus commanded them to be – the salt and light of the earth. Christians are to arrests and expose such contemporary issues as abortion, gambling, suicide, sex education, homosexuality, and we provide the information and help needed to deal with these critical issues.

Baptist Men

In spring, 2006, we built a handicap ramp for Mr. Ned Greene in Bakersville. The ramp was funded by Mitchell Baptist Association and a group from Liberty Hill Baptist Church built it.

In fall of 2006, we built a handicap ramp for Roger Barnesin in War, West Virginia. A group from Bear Creek Baptist Church and Liberty Hill Baptist Church worked on it.

We put tarps on one house in Coalwood, West Virginia and on a bedroom near War, West Virginia.. Mitchell Baptist Association bought one of these tarps. Afterwards we determined the bedroom had leaked for such a long time that it would have to be completely rebuilt.

In spring of 2007, we rebuilt the bedroom for Sam Lambert. Funding was made available from several churches in our association. A group from Cane Creek Baptist Church, Bear Creek Baptist Church and Liberty Hill Baptist Church were involved.

This summer we built a handicap ramp for Marcia McNeill on White Oak. The ramp was funded by Mitchell Baptist Association and a group from Liberty Hill Baptist Church built it.

We put together an aluminum handicap ramp for Sherrill Miller in the Estatoe community. The ramp was purchased by the homeowner and a group from Liberty Hill Baptist Church built it.

Coming up in September, 2007, we plan to put a new roof on the house in Coalwood, West Virginia, that we put a tarp on last fall.

I have also been going to War, West Virginia once each month helping with a children's ministry with Lee and Melissa Carter.

I know there have been other trips by groups in the association to Gulfport, Mississippi and other places.

First Baptist, Spruce Pine, even fed over 250 firefighters and other workers during the recent fires in Spruce Pine.

These are the projects that I have been involved with during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Travis Buchanan
Baptist Men's Director

The Baptist Association
Then and Now 1707-2007

The 2007 Associational Emphasis has been "Then and Now." This year marks 300 years of service by associations to churches of all sizes and in all locations.

From its beginning in 1707 in Phila-delphia to the present day, the Baptist Association has played a key role in the missional efforts of Southern Baptist churches.

Over the past 300 years the Baptist Association has gone through many changes and at times seemed to lose its focus of helping and assisting the churches. However, the Baptist Association has always been and remains today a strong mission partner with churches seeking to make a Kingdom impact in their world.

Your local Baptist Association is in a unique position to reaffirm the primacy of the church and to assist your church as it shares the life changing Good News of Jesus Christ. As on mission churches are faithful to their calling and as their Baptist Association joins hands with them, lives will be touched and our world will be changed by the power of that message.

Director of Missions

What does the future hold for Mitchell Baptist Association? Where do you see yourselves in the next five years? What needs to be done to get there? These are all valid questions that need to be answered.

The association has had a wonderful year! We had a very successful coat drive for West Virginia, a Mid-Winter Youth Rally in January and Reality Check in July for the Youth. We were privileged to have a great Associational Bible Drill under the able direction of Martha Burleson. Approximately fifty-

five children from eleven churches participated. We sponsored a mission trip to Gulfport, a food drive for Baptist Children's Homes, a Senior Adult Rally and were very active in the prison and veterans ministries.

The local association as we have come to know it is going through a time of significant transition. Because of computers and the cyber era, the association has evolved past the age of just being focused on resources, information, promotions and programs. Anyone who has access to the internet can now download the information and resources that they, at one time, relied on the association for.

The needs of our people and churches are changing. You are going to be faced with issues that you have never had to deal with before. All of these problems either will be, or, are already affecting the ministry of the local church and the association. It is absolutely essential that we prepare ourselves to face what lies ahead and for the association to be on the front line with you in your battle.

You will find listed some of the problems that we will be facing, along with the steps that we are taking as an association to help you with your situation. These include:

Immigration:
-Form a committee to look into the situation and make recommendations to the churches
-Have an open dialogue with Hispanic pastors and seek their input in the situation.
- Schedule at least one evangelistic event each year targeting the Hispanic community.

Separation of Church and State issues:
-Schedule a conference for teachers, school administrators, school board officials and parents and invite a representative from the Rutherford Institute to speak on this issue.

Hate Crime Laws (Homosexuality in the churches)
-Keep the association updated on the progress being made to pass a national Hate Crimes Law.
-Support the work of organizations like the Christian Action League, Family Policy Council, etc.

All in all our association is in wonderful shape. We certainly give praise to the Lord for all that He has done to make this past year such a success. Our prayer is that the coming year will be even better.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Whetstine, Director

I Believe In Missions

Because the greatest mission ever known was when God sent His only begotten Son into the world to save it.

Because a Christian who does not believe in missions always gets narrow and loses his world vision.

Because the Gospel is the greatest hope of the world in its present historical crisis.

Because Jesus Himself taught us that missions was the only way to make disciples.

Because I will be a disobedient lover of Jesus if I do not obey His command when He said, "Go Ye."

Because if salvation means everything to me, I cannot be happy unless I share it with others.

"I can only do so much, but together we can do so much more!

PROPOSED BUDGET
2007-2008

	2006-2007	2007-2008
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
Retirement	4,400.00	4,800.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,200.00	2,200.00
Housing Allowance	5,607.00	5,607.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	18,150.00	18,150.00
Insurance	5,375.00	5,675.00
Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	300.00	300.00
Sunday School/VBS	300.00	100.00
Bible Drill	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	800.00	800.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	600.00	0
Mountain Outreach Campground	0	600.00
Veterans Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
Special Events:		
Pastors' Supper	450.00	500.00
Senior Adult Rally	350.00	400.00
Annual Meeting	200.00	200.00
Youth Events	1,000.00	800.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops (Director - $500 Secretary - $200)	700.00	700.00

	2006-2007	2007-2008
Social Security Allowance: Director of Missions Secretary	 1,250.00 1,350.00	 1,250.00 1,350.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	500.00	600.00
Telephone Cell Phone Internet	1,000.00 50.00 0	1,000.00 60.00 500.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,000.00	2,500.00
Postage	1,600.00	1,200.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,300.00
Minute Books' Expense	400.00	400.00
Property Insurance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	700.00	700.00
Savings for Office Equipment	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 70,195.00	$ 70,405.00
Budget & Finance Committee		
Rev. Don Stafford Rev. Matthew Grindstaff Denise Davis Rev. Morris Stamey Fleet Hensley Rev. Brandon Pitman Sondra Stewart, Treasurer		

TREASURER'S REPORT

4th Quarter and
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2007

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Designated Income:			
Cash Account	**$ 200.00**		**$ 15,096.32**
Church Contributions	**20,667.51**		**73,163.36**
Community Missions	**190.00**		**4,517.52**
Hispanic Ministry	**386.15**		**2,720.84**
Minute Book Fund	**0**		**760.00**
Point Man Ministry	**0**		**1,250.00**
Prison Ministry	**0**		**1,800.00**
Sale of Supplies	**326.63**		**4,008.81**
Sales Tax Refund	**0**		**161.68**
Cash Account Income	**0**		
Miscellaneous	**0**		**0**
Total Income	**$ 21,770.29**		**$100,417.84**
Designated Expenses:			
Bible Drill		**0**	**129.79**
Building & Grounds		**725.98**	**740.98**
Cash Account Expenses		**150.00**	**970.00**
Conferences, Conventions		**500.00**	**660.00**
Community Missions		**439.96**	**9,076.27**
Evangelism		**741.11**	**741.11**
DOM Retirement		**1,100.01**	**4,400.04**
DOM Salary & Social Sec.		**1,479.96**	**5,920.00**
DOM Travel Expense		**550.02**	**2,200.00**
DOM Housing Expense		**1,401.75**	**5,607.00**
DOM Christmas Bonus		**0**	**600.00**
DOM Insurance- Reimbursed		**773.36**	**793.36**

Continued	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Hispanic Ministry		596.55	7,463.81
Minute Book Expense		0	1,513.38
Miscellaneous		0	719.76
Office Expenses		956.26	3,965.53
Postage		523.95	2,015.97
Prison Ministry		1,275.03	6,508.81
Property Insurance		0	1,049.90
Secretary Salary & So Sec		3,360.90	13,515.76
Secretary Medical Ins.		1,343.55	5,327.70
Secretary Retirement		578.25	2,313.00
Secret'y Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Special Events Fund:			
Pastors' Dinner		0	440.75
Senior Adult Rally		614.10	614.10
Annual Meeting (2006)		0	210.50
Youth Rally		300.00	1,085.42
Treasurer Honorarium		200.00	500.00
WMU		152.16	219.15
Electricity		166.17	1,178.41
Telephone		219.76	797.31
Cell Phone		90.87	269.91
Taxes:			
Federal		1,804.23	7,204.20
State		415.00	1,612.00
Total Expenses		$ 19,403.44	$ 85,133.92
Total Income - Expenses	$ 2,366.85		$ 15,283.92
Ending Bank Balance 07-31-07			$ 15,283.92
Savings Account Balance			$ 4,345.46

Respectfullyubmitted,
Sondra Stewart

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year Ending, July 31, 2007

Church	May-July	Aug-Apr	Totals
Altapass	$ 1,670.00	$ 4,641.00	$ 6,311.00
Bear Creek	1,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00
Beaver Creek	668.56	1,673.12	2,341.68
Berry Chapel	1,985.00	3,996.00	5,981.00
Big Crabtree	180.00	1,232.00	1,412.00
Big Rock Creek	50.00	150.00	200.00
Black Mountain	257.55	492.99	750.54
Calvary	380.07	439.77	819.84
Cane Creek	225.00	675.00	900.00
Central	636.51	1,655.85	2,292.36
Crabtree Chapel	1,629.33	1,634.17	3,263.50
Fork Mountain	300.00	625.00	925.00
Freedom	563.68	1,477.12	2,040.80
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	900.00	2,700.00	3,600.00
Ledger	450.09	740.66	1,190.75
Liberty Hill	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
Lily Branch	1,086.46	2,979.12	4,065.58
Little Rock Creek	615.46	2,090.98	2,706.44
McKinney Cove	200.00	900.00	1,100.00
Mine Creek	857.34	1,542.40	2,399.74
Mount Carmel	581.66	2,049.93	2,631.59
Pine Branch	1,544.62	3,490.80	5,035.42
Roan Mountain	1,780.55	5,670.77	7,451.32
Silver Chapel	876.20	2,366.53	3,242.73
Snow Hill	372.43	1,122.64	1,495.07
Spring Creek	150.00	400.00	550.00
Spruce Pine, First	250.00	250.00	500.00
Toecane	100.00	200.00	300.00
Vision	0	350.00	350.00
Western Carolina	0	350.00	350.00
White Oak	182.00	75.00	257.00
Totals	$ 20,667.51	$ 52,495.85	$ 73,163.36

DEATHS

ALTAPASS: Ms. Belle Byrd, Mr. Ted McKinney, Mrs. Dixie Forbes
BAKERSVILLE: Mr. Ed Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Jean Spinning, Mr. Bill Pitrman
BEAR CREEK: Mrs. Melba Miller, Mr. Ceal Sparks (Deacon), Mr. Frank Stewart, Mr. Guy Sparks, Mr. George Miller (Deacon), Mrs. Mae Willis, Mr. Virgil Murdock, Jr. (Deacon)
BERRY CHAPEL: Mr. Virgil Carpenter, Mrs. Margie Sparks, Mr. Plez Jones
BIG CRABTREE: Mrs. Becky Burleson
CENTRAL: Mr. Homer Johnson, Mr. Lewis Crowder, Mrs. Jayne Bradbury, Mrs. Vera Poteat, Mrs. Betty Hise
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Mr. Lee Forbes, Mr. Bobby Miller
FREEDOM: Mrs. Dorothy Bailey
GRASSY CREEK: Ms. Magdalene Hall, Mr. Donald Cresawn, Ms. Nellie Willis, Mr. Herman York, Mr. Fred Coiner, Mrs. Dorthy McHone, Mrs. Martha Ayers, Mrs. Louise Thomas, Mrs. Cornell Vance
LEDGER: Mr. Jack Sparks
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LILY BRANCH: Mrs. Wilma Boone, Dr. Bruce Ledford
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Mr. Herbert Gouge
MINE CREEK: Mr. Burl Garland (Deacon)
MOUNT CARMEL: Ms. Harriett Biddix, Mr. Kenneth Jones
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SILVER CHAPEL: Ms. Lovie Grindstaff
SNOW HILL: Ms. Bonnie Grindstaff
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Marion	28752
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777

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*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1982	Bakersville/Grassy Creek	Howard Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Stuart White/Jack Callahan
1983	Liberty Hill/Berry Chapel	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Don Stafford/Ernest Howell
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford
2005	Altapass/Calvary	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Don Stafford/Steve Williams
2006	Grassy Creek/Central	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Matthew Mills/Nathan Silver
2007	Bear Creek/Big Rock Creek	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Daniel Whetstine/Harold Grindstaff

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2005 Minutes

STATISTICAL TABLES

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Altapass	331	300	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Bakersville	140	-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Bear Creek	745	640	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	12	0
Beaver Creek	255	181	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	562	366	8	0	4	3	0	0	1	0	5	0
Big Crabtree	228	224	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	38	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	150	50	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	284	201	5	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	9	0
Chestnut Grove	153	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0
Crabtree Chapel	226	226	9	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Fork Mountain	60	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
Freedom	236	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friendship	103	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	551	433	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
Ledger	102	68	7	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	0
Liberty Hill	456	386	7	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	5	0
Lily Branch	211	175	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	10	0

Little Rock Creek	74	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	158	105	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mine Creek	178	166	7	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	0
Mount Carmel	298	179	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Pine Branch	614	497	8	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	9	0
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	216	152	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	8	0
Silver Chapel	159	90	7	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	0
Snow Hill	235	223	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Spring Creek	190	149	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	648	450	7	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	9	16
Toecane	40	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	80	80	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	5
White Oak	130	63	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1
Wilderness Hispanic	42	42	8	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7893	5716	110	1	30	26	11	19	14	9	141	22

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 10-Church-Type Missions Operating. 12-Assoc. Mission on % Basis
7-Year Pastor Came 9-Church-Type Missions Started 11-Lost/Unchurched 13-Intercessory Prayer

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Altapass	1925	1987	185	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bakersville	1869	2002	-	0	0	-	No	No
Bear Creek	1830	2001	325	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2004	60	0	0	-	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934		170	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	75	-	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	2005	-	0	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	1882	-	26	-	0	-	Yes	No
Calvary	1949	2006	50	0	-	-	Yes	No
Cane Creek	1867	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	1932	2002	80	0	0	-	No	No
Chestnut Grove	1923		50	0	0	-	No	No
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1996	70	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2007	40	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Freedom	1988	2005	100	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	40	0	0	No	Yes	No
Grassy Creek	1818	2002	167	0	0	Yes	No	Yes

Ledger	1953	2004	48	0	0	-	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	2004	-	0	0	-	-	-
Lily Branch	1859	2003	63	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1844	1997	48	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888		68	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	87	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	70	0	0	-	No	No
Pine Branch	1921	2000	255	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rebels Creek	1915	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	101	0	0	-	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
Snow Hill	1915	2007	82	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	110	0	0	-	No	No
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	290	0	0	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	28	0	0	-	No	No
Western Carolina	2000	2000	60	0	1	Yes	No	Yes
White Oak	1884		37	-	-	-	No	No
Wilderness Hispanic	1998	1998	42	0	0	No	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals	-	-	2,827	0	1	-	-	-

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

14-Total S.S. Enrol. 14b-(6-11) 14d-(18-24) 14-f(35-54) 14h-(65-up) 15-Other Bible Study 17 - VBS
14a-(Birth-5) 14c-(12-17) 14e-(25-34) 14-g(55-64) 14i-Gen. Officers 16 - Avg. Sunday School Att.

Congregation	14	14a	14b	14c	14d	14e	14f	14g	14h	14i	15	16	17
Altapass	115	12	18	21	4	8	17	16	16	3	0	98	137
Bear Creek	279	43	15	10	6	20	40	90	45	10	0	218	184
Beaver Creek	57	4	4	1	1	5	9	9	23	1	0	38	25
Berry Chapel	133	14	13	16	6	7	20	10	30	3	14	111	154
Big Crabtree	86	12	13	6	13	16	15	7	4	-	0	70	55
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	15	2	3	2	0	3	2	1	2	-	0	15	0
Calvary	55	2	6	6	2	8	14	5	12	-	0	50	20
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	106	9	6	17	18	15	19	12	7	3	0	64	36
Chestnut Grove	44	0	2	12	0	0	20	5	5	0	0	40	25
Crabtree Chapel	81	6	9	11	6	5	11	12	17	4	0	62	57
Fork Mountain	12	0	4	0	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	10	0
Freedom	79	3	2	4	4	10	15	15	22	4	0	52	54
Friendship	37	1	0	0	0	2	10	6	12	6	0	34	0
Grassy Creek	184	14	7	33	13	43	21	38	13	2	0	88	105
Ledger	49	1	7	2	0	10	10	11	8	0	0	25	41
Liberty Hill	141	18	14	17	23	12	24	7	20	6	0	95	81
Lily Branch	56	0	10	14	0	2	3	12	13	2	0	39	50
Little Rock Creek	85	7	5	11	7	10	24	10	11	0	0	52	64
McKinney Cove	70	4	10	5	2	14	16	10	7	2	0	49	74

Mine Creek	153	4	10	22	9	18	25	40	21	4	0	55	80
Mount Carmel	61	1	4	6	3	0	10	10	23	4	0	59	74
Pine Branch	219	14	15	22	8	20	44	52	37	7	0	137	120
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	87	9	7	6	7	14	9	8	25	2	0	63	62
Silver Chapel	67	9	4	2	3	9	6	14	19	1	0	36	46
Snow Hill	67	5	4	5	6	5	6	24	10	2	0	47	50
Spring Creek	86	9	8	4	3	6	13	25	10	8	0	90	94
Spruce Pine, First	350	6	20	33	35	27	60	65	78	5	21	197	95
Toecane	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
Western Carolina	80	0	3	7	8	18	25	9	3	3	4	45	25
White Oak	37	2	0	2	3	3	5	10	10	2	0	35	76
Wilderness Hispanic	26	3	2	3	0	8	6	4	0	0	0	23	60
Bakersville	50	5	6	1	2	2	2	7	25	0	0	-	60
Assoc. Totals	2981	219	231	301	192	325	501	544	530	85	39	2001	2004

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:
18-Total D.T. 18a-(Birth-5) 18b-(6-11) 18c-(12-17) 18d-(18-Up)

Congregation	18	18a	18b	18c	18d
Altapass	22	1	5	0	16
Bear Creek	88	0	16	0	72
Berry Chapel	72	20	19	18	15
Big Crabtree	28	5	6	9	8
Crabtree Chapel	41	3	6	2	30
Freedom	12	6	6	0	0
Little Rock Creek	15	0	0	4	11
Snow Hill	25	0	5	8	12
Spruce Pine, First	63	0	12	15	36
Western Carolina	36	0	2	9	25
White Oak	20	1	0	4	15
Wilderness Hispanic	30	3	2	5	20
Assoc. Totals	452	39	79	74	260

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:
19-Total Enrollment 19a-(3-5) 19b-(6-11) 19c-(12-17) 19d-(18-Up) 19e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e
Altapass	73	12	7	12	30	12
Bear Creek	118	30	12	0	60	16
Beaver Creek	15	0	0	0	15	0
Berry Chapel	72	6	8	12	40	6
Calvary	35	3	4	3	25	0
Central	43	8	8	15	12	0
Crabtree Chapel	15	1	4	2	8	0
Freedom	35	0	4	6	25	0
Grassy Creek	42	0	0	0	42	0
Ledger	17	0	1	1	15	0
Liberty Hill	55	8	7	3	30	7
Lily Branch	18	0	0	4	14	0
Little Rock Creek	21	0	0	0	18	3
McKinney Cove	39	4	5	0	18	12
Mine Creek	92	6	8	25	50	3
Mount Carmel	31	0	3	5	20	3
Pine Branch	25	0	0	0	25	0
Roan Mountain	26	0	0	2	24	0
Snow Hill	27	5	3	4	15	0
Spruce Pine, First	70	2	5	13	30	20
Western Carolina	5	0	0	0	5	0
White Oak	18	1	0	5	12	0
Wilderness Hispanic	5	0	0	1	4	0
Assoc. Totals	897	86	79	113	537	82

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:
21-Tot. WMU Enroll 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up) 21f-WMU Missions 22-Tot. Bro. Enroll 22c-(18-up)
21a-(Birth-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-WMU Lead Team 22a-(6-11) 23 - Mission
22b-(12-17) Action Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e	21f	22	22a	22b	22c	23
Altapass	25	4	4	6	7	4	0	51	4	8	0	0
Bakersville	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	78	20	17	14	22	5	0	34	12	0	22	0
Beaver Creek	6	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	13	0	0	0	12	1	0	10	0	0	10	0
Central	25	0	0	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	12	0	0	0	10	2	0	15	0	2	13	0
Freedom	14	0	0	0	12	1	1	10	0	0	10	0
Friendship	9	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	20	0	0	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	17	0	0	0	15	2	0	17	0	0	17	0
Lily Branch	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	5	0	0	5	0
McKinney Cove	16	5	0	5	0	6	0	15	11	4	0	0
Mine Creek	54	2	3	2	23	4	20	32	10	14	3	5
Mount Carmel	18	0	0	1	17	0	0	18	0	0	18	0
Pine Branch	45	5	10	0	15	3	12	16	8	0	8	4
Roan Mountain	18	0	5	2	10	1	0	20	0	0	20	0
Snow Hill	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	6	0	1	5	0
Spruce Pine, First	217	3	8	7	47	2	150	65	8	13	41	2
Western Carolina	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	628	39	47	37	284	38	183	314	53	42	172	11

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

24-Undesignated. Receipts 25-Designated Receipts 26-Other Receipts 27 Co-op Program 28-Assoc. Missions
29-State Missions 30-Annie Armstrong 31-Lottie Moon 32-Other SBC Missions Exp. 33-Non-SBC Mission Exp

Congregation	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Altapass	$ 113,782	8,944	109,806	11,017	6,311	-	2,209	3,745	-	10,352
Bear Creek	388,828	-	36,722	25,200	6,000	3,000	4,500	23,500	6,500	101,428
Beaver Creek	61,608	6,019	3,309	2,984	2,342	2,984	941	1,628	660	1,762
Berry Chapel	211,311	14,953	21,890	11,605	5,981	170	80	1,041	521	6,879
Big Crabtree	36,468	5,573	-	-	1,412	-	-	-	-	-
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	15,011	-	-	215	750	1,140	70	170	423	600
Calvary	-	-	-	-	820	-	-	500	-	-
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	900	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-	4,580	2,292	1,086	629	629	375	3,690
Chestnut Grove	54,756	-	-	-	-	1,100	1,400	1,425	500	300
Crabtree Chapel	82,345	5,525	-	3,267	3,263	-	95	324	1,826	26,425
Fork Mountain	33,500	-	-	-	925	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom	104,255	16,872	-	-	2,041	4,170	2,092	3,000	4,501	17,557
Friendship	33,821	4,270	-	-	600	225	-	-	-	-
Grassy Creek	237,639	132,439	-	6,000	3,600	-	3,000	3,000	7,992	28,427
Ledger	41,224	720	3,685	1,200	1,191	-	-	951	-	703
Liberty Hill	153,732	8,313	-	3,000	2,100	4,288	1,180	5,274	-	2,400
Lily Branch	92,496	16,757	-	9,252	4,066	3,190	3,340	4,645	5,531	3,517
Little Rock Creek	63,405	4,745	-	-	2,706	-	687	3,651	10,919	10,202
McKinney Cove	69,002	400	-	1,200	1,100	668	1,150	1,266	-	1,100
Mine Creek	80,902	11,687	-	-	2,400	1,033	489	855	-	-

Mount Carmel	74,509	10,830	2,743	3,690	2,632	2,960	121	417	2,770	760
Pine Branch	251,429	104,819	18,974	25,142	5,035	1,947	2,024	10,074	6,114	7,510
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	154,350	12,226	54	13,360	7,451	1,207	770	2,656	-	16,531
Silver Chapel	63,206	-	-	1,600	3,243	1,200	1,740	2,515	-	-
Snow Hill	66,224	2,092	-	4,653	1,495	400	400	665	600	-
Spring Creek	85,702	-	-	-	550	-	-	-	-	10,016
Spruce Pine, First	330,000	45,000	17,000	23,000	500	40,000	1,500	1,500	5,000	5,000
Toecane	12,050	1,520	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-
Western Carolina	55,000	-	-	-	350	-	-	-	-	-
White Oak	52,524	-	-	506	257	-	200	800	3,144	496
WildernessHispanic (Vision)	13,000	7,000	-	-	- 350	-	-	-	-	-
Assoc. Totals	$ 3,032,079	420,704	214,183	151,471	73,163	70,768	28,617	74,231	57,376	255,655

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Spruce Pine, NC
August 24, 2009

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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

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Treasurer ..... Sondra Stewart
461 Lower Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine
Historian ..... Buster Sparks
251 Ledger School Rd., Bakersville
Sunday School Director ..... Richard McKinney
65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine
Baptist Men's Director ..... Travis Buchanan
1457 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine
WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green-Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville
Church Music Director ..... David Thayer
1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine
Evangelism Chairman ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
195 Gouges Creek Rd.
Bible Drill Director ..... Martha Burleson
154 Duncan Dr., Bakersville

ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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President ..... Rev. Gene Self
152 Fred Self Rd., Spruce Pine
Vice-President ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone
415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2008-2009 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rick Ross
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Brandon Pitman
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Travis Buchanan

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rev. Donald Davis
..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Gene Self
..... Rev. Matt Mills
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rev. Jim Sutton

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Steve Carpenter
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Linda Buchanan

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2009 ..... Rev. Bob McKinney
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. B.G. McMahan
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2009 ..... Richard McKinney
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Benny Sparks
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Fleet Hensley
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney

Central
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Jamie Miller
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Jerry Pitman
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Larry Cate

South
Term Expiring 2009 ..... Denise Davis
Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Matt Mills
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Toby Crowder

SERMONS FOR 2009 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone
Tuesday ..... Rev. Gene Self

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 2009: Rev. Matt Mills, Rev. Chris Rathbone, Rev. Joe Miller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2009: Rev. Gene Self, Kim Hoyle, Rev. Steve Williams

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER FOR 2008: Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. B.G. McMahan

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2008: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Jackie Thomas

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Billy Matthews, Lois Matthews, Connie Blevins, Dale Blevins, Sondra Stewart
BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, Marie Jarrett, Maria Miller, James Miller, Kathleen Buchanan, Rev. Howard Buchanan, Veronica Pitman, Kenneth Pitman
BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Brandon Pitman, Carrie Pitman, Annie Swann, Doris Harrison, Phillip Henline, Marcheta Pendley
BERRY CHAPEL: Tom Reeves, Pat Silver, Shirley Calhoun, Lucille Jenkins, Bill Love, Myrtle Pittman, Mary Stafford, Frances Sparks, Betty Biddix, Judy Greer, Betty Carpenter
BIG CRABTREE: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Pam Honeycutt, Kathy Woody
BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, Garland Honeycutt
CALVARY: Rev. Jay Orr, Lloyd Honeycutt, Elizabeth Honeycutt
CANE CREEK: Doris Ledford, Mattie Styles
CHESTNUT GROVE: Rev. Joseph Miller
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Rev. Fred Proctor, Charles Allen, Richard McKinney, Beulah McKinney
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Jude Hughes, Charles Huskins
FREEDOM: Rev. Donald Davis, Gladys Burleson, Wade Woody, Rosa Woody
FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Gail McKinney

GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matt Mills, Rev. Gene Self, Charles Hollifield, Evelyn Hollifield, Dorothy McKinney, Wilma Burleson, Fred E. Burleson, Wendell Gouge
LEDGER: Charles Ellis
LIBERTY HILL: Rev. David Philbeck, Roy Hoyle, Kim Hoyle, Elsie McKinney, Jane Acuff, Gladys Pittman, Ruby Putman, Wayne Williams, Irene Williams
LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Louise Burleson, Jackie Thomas
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Rosa Lee Edwards, Tommie Lee Edwards
McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Don Stafford, Mary Stafford, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers
MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Janice Hensley, Bud Phillips, Ann Phillips, Jean Saylor, Jim Saylor, Bill Pitman, Debra Buchanan, Michael Buchanan, Larry Cate, Helen Cate
MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Nathan Silver, Angie Silver, Maygon Styles, Rebecca Fortner
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney, Tommy Ledford, Scott Whorton, Lois Woody,
SNOW HILL: Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, Jerry Pitman, Wes Brewer, Morris Burleson,
SPRING CREEK: Rev. Bob McCurry, Billy Williams
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Jean Warren, Angie Duncan, Jack Hancox, Rick Ferguson
TOECANE: Joe Grindstaff, Betty Grindstaff
WHITE OAK: Rev. Don Ford, Jesse Hoilman, Jr., Linda Hoilman, Marian McNeill, Marcella Bailey
WILDERNESS HISPANIC: Rev. Charles Alonso, Lajeana Alonso

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or by a special called meeting of the Association. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational leaders shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational W.M.U. Director, all Pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and all duly elected messengers from each church.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its elected messengers in its annual report to the Association.

The Association shall hold one Semi-Annual Meeting and one Annual Meeting as agreed upon by the body and in case of an emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and the date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meetings.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist

of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5D. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.
2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.
3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet twice each year in February and August (Monday & Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August). Each church shall prepare its letter to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the date of the August meeting of the Association. The Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Nominating Committee may fill any vacancies that occur between sessions of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

Recommendations shall be made at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

160th ANNUAL SESSION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Roan Mountain Baptist Church, Bakersville
Monday, August 25, 2008
3:30 - 9:00 P.M.

3:30 Call to Order . . . . . Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator
Pastor, Liberty Hill Baptist Church

Hymn # 395. . "God of Grace and God of Glory" . CWM Rhondda
Led by David Thayer, Music Director,
First Baptist Church, Spruce Pine

Welcome & Prayer . . . . . Rev. Mark McKinney
Pastor, Roan Mountain Baptist Church

Committee Report: Order of Business . . . . . Rev. Mark McKinney

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

3:45 Director of Missions Report ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine

4:00 Recognitions, Announcements, Moderator's Committee, Appointments, Welcome of New Pastors, Treasurer's Report, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Miscellaneous Business

4:30 Hymn # 132 ..... "There Is Power in the Blood" ..... Jones

4:35 Carolina Faith Riders ..... Mike Young

4:50 Special Music ..... Misti Silver

5:00 Challenge Message ....Rev. David Horton
Pastor, Gate City Baptist Church, Jamestown, NC
(former President of Baptist State Convention
and Pastors' Conference)

5:30 Benediction and Blessing on Meal

(Break for the evening meal)

7:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator

Hymn # 485. . . "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" ..... Webb

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Joe Miller
Interim pastor, Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

Roll Call of Churches ..... Judy Greer

7:10 Baptist Children's Homes ..... Rev. Lewis Smith
Director of Development - Western Area

7:25 Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center . . Mike & Mary Ann Higgins

7:40 Special Music ..... Wilderness Hispanic Church Choir

7:50 Mission Message ..... Kenneth Tan
Team Leader, Multi-Cultural Leadership, Baptist State Convention

8:15 Hymn # 202 . . . "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" . Coronation

8:20 Special Music . . . . . Faithful Hearts

8:30 Annual Sermon . . . . . Rev. Jude Hughes
Pastor, Fork Mountain Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction . . . . . .

Snow Hill Baptist Church, Bakersville
Tuesday, August 26, 2008
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order . . . . . Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator

Hymn # 571. . . "Let Others See Jesus In You" . . . . . Coleman

Welcome and Prayer . . . . . Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
Pastor, Snow Hill Baptist Church

Prayer . . . . . Rev. Max Holland

Roll Call of Churches . . . . . Judy Greer

7:15 Special Music . . . . . Pastors' Choir

7:30 Prison Ministry . . . . . Rev. Don Stafford

7:45 Veterans' Ministry . . . . . Rev. Daniel Whetstine

8:00 Hymn # 484 . . . . . "Higher Ground" . . . . . Gabriel

8:05 Recognitions, Announcements, Nominating Committee's Report, Election of Officers, Time-Place-Preacher Committee, and Miscellaneous Business

8:15 Special Music . . . . . Velma Sturgill

8:25 Annual Sermon . . . . . Rev. Dean Honeycutt
Pastor, Big Crabtree Baptist Church

9:00 Benediction . . . . . .

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Bear Creek Baptist Church
August 25, 2008 3:30 P.M.

1. The 160th Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 25, 2008, 3:30 P.M., at Roan Mountain Baptist Church in Bakersville. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. David Philbeck.

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory," which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer, and accompanied by Amelia McKinney and Joan McKinney.

3. Rev. Mark McKinney, pastor of Roan Mountain Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors, gave instructions for the evening meal, and opened the session with prayer.

4. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev.Mark McKinney, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. Rev. McKinney made the motion to accept the program for the 2008 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-five churches were represented at this time. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out. Visitors that were recognized included Gordon Benton, representing Mars Hill College and Lewis Smith, representing the Baptist Children's Homes.

6. Due to some technical difficulties with the projector, our Director of Missions had to delay his report.

7. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.
– There were no announcements.
– Rev. David Philbeck called attention to the committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.
– Our new pastors were recognized: William Ellis - Big Rock Creek Baptist Church; Rev. Doug Phillips - Black Mountain Baptist Church; and Rev. Don Ford - White Oak Baptist Church.

8. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at

the end of the associational year is $17,448.42 with a balance of $ 5,487.47 in our savings account. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

9. The Proposed Budget for 2008-2009 was presented by our Moderator. The total for the coming year is $74,630.00. With no questions, a motion was made for the adoption of the Budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. The Executive Committee Report was presented as information by the associational clerk, Judy Greer.

11. During miscellaneous business:
Rev. Daniel Whetstine, representing our Constitution and By-Laws Committee, presented a change to the Constitution and By-Laws. This change states:
"The Association shall meet twice each year. First in February (for a Semi-Annual Meeting) and in August (for our Annual Meeting.) This will replace the quarterly Executive Committee Meetings. This will be voted on tomorrow.

12. A report on the Baptist Children's Home was given by Lewis Smith, Director of Development in the Western Area. He reported on his "Ride the West" Campaign in which he raised money for the Children's Homes. He had come through Mitchell County in July.

13. The congregation was led in the hymn, "There Is Power in the Blood." Our registration card were taken up at this time.

14. Lewis Smith continued his Power Point Presentation. He made us aware of the upcoming Thanksgiving Offering for the Children's Homes.

15. Rev. Matt Mills voiced his concern over the upcoming "Alcohol Referendum" that is trying to be brought before the voters in Spruce Pine. At the same time a meeting was being held with citizens for the referendum, several of our pastors and church members, met at Riverside Park, for a prayer meeting against this vote.

16. Mike Young, representing the "Carolina Faith Riders," gave us a report on the ministry of this organization. This is a motorcycle group that works through the Baptist State Convention. They have 50 chapters in North Carolina. They are a Baptist ministry and are community focused.

17. Special Music was provided by Misti Silver, music director of Roan Mountain Baptist Church, who sang, "Here I Am."

18. Our Moderator introduced our Challenge Speaker, Rev. David Horton.

19. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. David Horton, pastor of Gate City Baptist Church in Jamestown, NC. He was also a former President of our Baptist State Convention and Pastors' Conference. Rev. Horton read scripture from Acts 1:6-11, and his message was "You Haven't Seen the Last of Jesus." He shared three great truths with us: the promise of His coming, the plan of His coming, and the purpose of His coming.

20. Rev. Don Stafford gave our benediction and blessing on the evening meal.

Break for evening meal.

21. The evening session was called to order by Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator.

22. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

23. Rev. Joe Miller, interim pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, read from several scriptures and led in prayer.

24. A second roll call of the churches was given with three additional churches represented. Registration cards were once again handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

25. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report at this time. He gave a Power Point presentation with many pictures taken around the Association during the past year. His report was divided into Evangelism, Missions, Benevolence, Age Groups, and Office Resources. It was a very informative report about the work of our Association. We were asked to remember an upcoming youth event, Ignite '09, to be held March 14, 2009.

26. Our next report came from Mary Ann and Mike Higgins, Directors of the Tri-County Pregnancy Center in Burnsville. Mary Ann stated that their purpose there was to "minister in love." She also stated that they had celebrated their 14th year anniversary in this ministry. She gave us facts and figures about the pregnancy center and thanked the churches for their continued financial and prayer support.

27. Special music was provided by Rev. Charles Alonso and his choir from the Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Church.

28. Our mission message was brought by Rev. Kenneth Tan, Team Leader, Multi-Cultural Leadership from the Baptist State Convention. He stated that one out of three people were multi-ethnic. He also stated that Southern Baptists were a people of prayer, people that are mission-minded and people of the Bible.

29. Rev. Dallas Renfro, brought to the attention of the messengers a need for the Robert Ollis family. Because of our drought, they need a new well drilled and Mr. Ollis is disabled and on oxygen. Rev. Renfro estimates that it will cost around $5,000 to $6,000 to drill this well. He stated that his church (Little Rock Creek) would be willing to donate the first $1,000 for this project. Several people raised their hands that they too would be willing to make a donation for this project.

30. The congregation sang the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

31. Special music was presented by Mark Robinson and his group, "Faithful Hearts." They sang, "When Jesus Reached Down," "Thank You Lord, for Another Day of Life," and "Amazing Love."

32. Rev. Jude Hughes, Pastor of Fork Mountain Baptist Church, brought the annual sermon. He preached from Isaiah 40:31 and Hebrews 4:12, and his message was "Are You an Eagle Christian?"

33. Rev. B.G. McMahan closed this session with prayer.

Snow Hill Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 26, 2008 7:00 P.M.

34. Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator, called the second night's session to order, and gave thanks to the Lord for the rain we were receiving at this time.

35. The congregation sang the hymn, "Let Others See Jesus In You."

36. Rev. Gerold Grindstaff, pastor of Snow Hill Baptist Church, , gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors and led in the opening prayer.

37. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-two churches were represented at the second night's session.

38. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir. Twenty men participated in this choir. This was followed by the singing of a quartet made up of Rev. Dallas Renfro, Rev. Don Stafford, Rev. B.G. McMahan and Rev. Kenneth Murphy.

39. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given by Rev. Don Stafford, Chaplain. He asked for the adoption of the written report. It was seconded and approved. He continued with thanking everyone for their support and prayers during the past year. He had seven inmates saved that day. He reported on the new chapel. Rev. Matt Mills made us aware that Jacob Willis was also doing chaplain work at the Avery/Mitchell Prison. Mike Slagle gave us information on the upcoming "One Day With God," that they sponsor each year. This is a fathering program that lets dads and children spend the day together with activities and food for all involved. This will take place this year on October 25. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. Training will be held before this date.

40. Our Director of Missions gave a report on his "Veteran's Ministry." He gave us information about different men in military situations. Daniel has seen 47 people saved since starting this ministry. He has written and had published his own testimony. He is distributing these to VA hospitals, homeless shelters, and anywhere else he sees a need. Daniel has a "Veteran's Tribute," that he presents in the churches. He asked for the adoption of this report and it was seconded and approved.

41. The congregation sang, "Higher Ground."

42. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.

– Rev. Dallas Renfro and Jackie Thomas were members of the Resolutions Committee. Rev. Renfro presented the following resolution to the messengers:

WHEREAS, The messengers of the 160th annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association on August 25-26, 2008, enjoyed a time of worship, fellowship and encouragement, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Roan Mountain Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 25 and the wonderful meal they provided and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Snow Hill Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 26, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers of the 160th annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association, August 25 & 26, 2008, express their profound gratitude to Roan Mountain Baptist Church and Show Hill Baptist Church for their warm and generous hospitality.

43. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Nathan Silver. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. A motion was made to accept this report. It was seconded and approved.

44. The election of officers began. Our Moderator turned the election over to our Director of Missions. Our Moderator serves a two-year term and Rev. David Philbeck had served one term. Rev. Don Stafford recommended that Rev. Philbeck serve a second term as Moderator. The recommendation was seconded and approved. Our Moderator stated that our Vice-Moderator, Rev. Greg Hollifield is now a pastor out of our association and that we needed to elect a new one. Recommendations from the floor were for Rev. Gene Self and for Rev. Matt Mills. Rev. Self removed his name because he is already President of the Pastors' Conference. The nominations ceased and the motion was made for Rev. Matt Mills to be our Vice-Moderator. The recommendation was seconded and approved.

Nominations were asked for treasurer. A motion was made to keep Sondra Stewart in that position. The motion was seconded and approved. Nominations for clerk were asked for. It was recommended that Judy Greer keep that position. The motion was seconded and approved.

45. Rev. Dallas Renfro, Chairman of The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2009 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Pine Branch Baptist Church in Spruce Pine,, and the second night at Friendship Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church and Rev. Gene Self, Youth Pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. The dates will be August 24th and 25th.

46. In Miscellaneous Business:

☞ A recommendation to a change in our Constitution had been presented to the messengers on Monday night. This change stated, "The Association shall meet twice each year. In February for our Semi-Annual Meeting and in August for our Annual Meeting. Rev. Don Stafford made a second to this recommendation and with no questions asked, it was seconded and approved. This will eliminate our Executive Committee meetings which had been held quarterly.

☞ Two awards were given for their contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These were to Bear Creek Baptist Church and to Little Rock Creek Baptist Church.

47. Special music was provided by Velma Sturgill. She sang "Holy Ground."

48. The Annual Sermon was brought by Rev. Dean Honeycutt, pastor of Big

Crabtree Baptist Church. His message was on "Finishing Faithfully - Endure to the End." He read scripture out of Revelation, Luke Matthew and Hebrews. His main points were: "Be faithful to what you believe," "Be faithful to who you are." "Be faithful to your church."

49. A call was made for an altar prayer.

50. Rev. Dallas Renfro ended the meeting by singing "Father On."

51. Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator, thanked Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, and Judy Greer, Secretary/Clerk, for the work they have done. He then dismissed the 160th Annual Meeting for Mitchell Baptist Association.

Executive Committee

November 8, 2007

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, November 8, 2007, for their regularly scheduled session. Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator, presided and called the meeting to order. He also read scripture from Hebrews 1:1-12, and led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented (an asterisk indicates the presence of the pastor) Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Big Rock Creek, Crabtree Chapel, *Liberty Hill, *Little Rock Creek, *McKinney Cove, Spruce Pine First, and White Oak.. Fifteen people were in attendance.

The first report was our Treasurer's Report, presented by Sondra Stewart. She handed out copies of the first quarter's finances. The balance as of October 31, was $12,779.00, with an amount of $4,498.27 in our savings account.

Next, we heard from Richard McKinney, our Associational Sunday School Director. He had made eight church visits during the quarter. He had also made 22 phone calls. He asked that we continue to pray for our Sunday Schools.

In the absence of our WMU Director, Marlene Ayers, our clerk gave a report for her. The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer had just taken place the previous Monday. Approximately 50 people were present. The theme was "Seeing With New Eyes: God's Compassion." An offering for the North American Baptist Women's Union totaled $300.00. Virginia Lovejoy shared about the "Caring Angel" program, where individuals adopt a person in the Brian Center to minister to and visit.

The WMU is still collecting items for the Christmas gift bags for the local

men's prisons. They have also collected 320 deodorants for the women's prison in Raleigh.

Morris Stamey reported on the Mountain Outreach Campground Ministry. He has completed another season and averaged 42 people at his services. He has been invited back for a tenth season at the campground.

Travis Buchanan gave our Brotherhood Report. He gave information on a roofing project that had been completed for a 90 year-old woman in West Virginia.

Our Prison Ministry Report was given by Chaplain Don Stafford. He stated that the chapel was in the process of being remodeled. Also that McKinney Cove and Grassy Creek Baptist churches had fed approximately 45 inmates. Matt Mills brought a message and six inmates were saved with seven rededications. Chaplain Stafford also told us that churches were once again signing up to serve meals during the Christmas season.

Christmas bags are also being planned for distribution to 908 inmates. Our churches are also helping with this project. Chaplain Stafford expressed his thanks for our support. He had a speaking engagement at Bethel Baptist Church on November 18 to present his ministry.

Blue Ridge Prison Ministry has hired an additional chaplain, Jacob Willis to work at High Country Prison. We support him for 30 hours and we hope to add 10 additional hours. Our Moderator stated that his church, Liberty Hill, had been preparing meals for the prison for three years and that they were blessed by going.

We had no new business.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, our Director of Missions, gave information on his Veteran's Ministry. He had given his presentation in War, West Virginia and one person was saved. He is scheduled to do this presentation at Pine Branch Baptist Church and at Liberty Hill Baptist Church during November.

Old business: The suggestion of changing our Executive Committee Meetings to a Semi-Annual Meeting was discussed. This would be left to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

A prayer request for Lillie Mae Hollifield, was made. She is critically ill. She is the widow of Rev. Richard Hollifield and was the associational secretary before Judy.

Our meeting was closed in prayer by Mack Ramsey. The next Executive Commitee Meeting will be February 7, 2008.

February 7, 2008

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, February 7, 2008, for its regularly scheduled session. Our Moderator, Rev. David Philbeck, called the meeting to order. Rev. Don Stafford, read scripture from Matthew 14 and led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Altapass, Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, *Big Rock Creek, Crabtree Chapel, *Friendship, *Liberty Hill, Spruce Pine, First and *White Oak. Fourteen people were in attendance.

The November minutes were read by Judy Greer, Clerk. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. Copies of this report were handed out. The balance in the treasury on January 31, 2008 was $14,659.98. The savings account balance was $3,997.87.

Our Sunday School Director, Richard McKinney, stated that he continued to visit churches and that he would be visiting more when spring revivals begin.

He also reported on the food giveaway at his church, Crabtree Chapel, through "Operation Feed-A-Child." Food is given away on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We had no WMU report or Baptist Men's report.

Rev. Don Stafford, our Prison Chaplain, reported that the ministry there is still going great. He asked for continued prayer for this ministry.

☞They are in the process of building a larger chapel. It has to be approved by the state.

☞They held a "Rock of Ages" revival where several men were saved and rededications were made.

☞The movie "Facing the Giants" was shown and 14 rededications were made. On Tuesdays, movies and videos are being shown in the visitation area..

☞Don gave a Prison Ministry presentation at Bethlehem Baptist Church. He hopes they will soon be supporting this ministry.

☞Don asked that if we knew of someone who would like to see his Prison Ministry presentation to let him know.

☞He had a special prayer request for one of the inmates.

☞He stated that 17 churches participated in bringing in and serving Christmas meals.

Judy Greer gave the date for the upcoming Associational Bible Drills. These will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at Bear Creek Baptist Church.

Our Director of Missions gave his report.

☞ He gave information on the upcoming "Operation In-As-Much" which will be held Saturday, April 19th, all across the state. This is where churches help people in their neighborhoods with odd jobs around their homes and property. It is used as an outreach tool. He asked that the churches that were going to be involved to please call the associational office and let us know.

☞Daniel gave information on the Annual Food Drive for the Baptist Children's Homes. He asked that the food please be packed in small boxes. This will take place in April.

☞Our Director is still interested in going to a Semi-Annual Meeting instead of the Executive Committee Meetings. This would involve a time of reports along with a worship service in a church. This would have to be brought before the

messengers at the Annual Meeting.

☞We will soon begin a monthly ministry to the Senior Citizens' Center. This will take place the second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

☞The Veteran's Ministry is going well. There have been 40 professions of faith so far. Daniel has his testimony ready to be printed. He intends to take copies into the VA hospital, to prison chaplains and to homeless shelters.

Sondra Stewart invited everyone to the Altapass Bible Conference, February 17-20.

An invitation was also given to the Fellowship Meeting at Mount Carmel Baptist Church on February 9.

With no other business the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Max Holland, pastor of Big Rock Creek Baptist Church.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

May 15, 2008

Members of the Executive Committee met at the associational office on Thursday, May 15th, 2008, for its regularly scheduled session. In the absence of our Moderator, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, called the meeting to order. Richard McKinney led in the opening prayer.

The following churches were represented – asterisk indicates presence of pastor: Berry Chapel, Big Crabtree, Big Rock Creek, *Chestnut Grove, Crabtree Chapel, and McKinney Cove. Seven people were present.

The February Minutes were read by Judy Greer, clerk. A motion was made to accept the Minutes for February and it was seconded and approved. The Treasurer's Report for our third quarter was handed out, showing a balance of $11,456.57 as of April 30th. Our savings account balance was $5,335.08.

Our reports were given as follows:

⇨ WMU: Marlene Ayers gave infor-mation on the WMU Annual Meeting held on May 12 at McKinney Cove Baptist Church. There were 70 in attendance with 11 churches represented and 4 pastors present. Items were brought in for the Tri-County Pregnancy Center in Burnsville, of which is now a part of our North American Mission Board. Matt Buchanan gave information on a fund-raiser (in June) for the Pregnancy Center.

Marlene stated that 482 more soup labels had been collected for Yancey County's Hispanic ministry to purchase a van.

Eddie and Martha Williams were guest speakers at the meeting. They spoke on "Living the Call." Eddie and Martha have been appointed coordinators of a new Missions Camp in Red Springs, NC. after completing over two years in Gulfport, Mississippi coordinating the rebuilding of homes.

Debbie Ford and McKinney Cove Ladies' Choir provided the special music. Refreshments were served. The offering this year was taken for the Food Drive

for the Baptist Children's Home.

Other information included a request that the WMU have a work day around the associational office sometime this summer.

⇨Sunday School: Richard McKinney stated that he had would like to see more churches give attendance pins. He also stated that the "Who Cares" visitation program was a good program. Rev. Joe Miller stated that Chestnut Grove had started a new ladies Sunday School class.

⇨ Director of Missions: Daniel Whetstine introduced Rev. Joe Miller as interim pastor of Chestnut Grove.

☞Our Director reported on the Food Drive for the Baptist Children's Home that was recently completed. The effort was tremendous in Mitchell Association.

☞The Bible Study at the Senior Adult Center has expanded to each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

☞ Daniel made reference to the attendance at our meeting as a reason to look at having a semi-annual meeting instead of quarterly meetings. This would include a short business session with a worship service held in different churches.

☞ Daniel's Veteran's Ministry is still going strong. He has written his testimony and it is at the print shop to be published. He hopes to hand these out at Veterans' Hospitals. He has also purchased workbooks, "Beginning Steps," for new Christians in this ministry effort.

It was stated that the Food Ministry at Crabtree Chapel was on hold until arrangements could be made with other food distributors.

Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting in August. This will take place on August 25th at Roan Mountain Baptist Church in Bakersville, and August 26th at Snow Hill Baptist Church in Bakersville.

With no further old or new business, our meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Joe Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer , Clerk

Baptist Hospital

When Jesus saw people suffering from illness, he was moved with compassion and extended healing hands of mercy. His care remains the same today, and he calls upon us to be instruments of God's love and hope to those who are hurting. We at Baptist Hospital are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in serving Christ and fulfilling our mission – "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God.

– We are ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News and World Report* (2007).

– The "Best Doctors in America" (2007) includes 181 physicians from the Medical Center.
– Our Heart Center received a three-star rating (the highest) from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, reflecting the high quality of heart care and cardiac surgery.
– Our Comprehensive Cancer center has been named a "Blue Distinction Center for Complex and Rare Cancers" by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.
– Our patient satisfaction ratings continue to be among the nation's best, in the top 1% compared to hospitals in our peer group.

To make an appointment with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www.wfubmc.edu.

Our partnership with North Carolina Baptists extends the ministry of churches and enlarges our mission of "providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." We are thankful for the support of the Cooperative Program giving and the life-changing impact of what we accomplish together in "God's Kingdom."

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the ministry of churches through compassionate, faith-integrated counseling to thousands of hurting individuals, marriages and families.

Over 28,000 hours of counseling will be provided in 2008, with ministers being among the largest referral sources.

Our statewide network of 21 CareNet centers covers 80 counties in North Carolina. New ministries include services to military personnel and families to help them cope with the stress of combat and extended deployments; residencies to train the next generation of pastoral counselors; and education services to strengthen our care for churches.

The Center for Congregational Health enhances the ministry of churches through Christ-centered consultation and leadership development programs for clergy.

Our consultants serve nearly 25 churches a month with ministries of conflict reconciliation, strategic visioning and planning, and team development. Nearly 600 ministers and church leaders will be better equipped for service in 2008 through the Center's educational programs. Over 2,000 ministers have been trained to serve churches through interim ministry.

A Baptist deacon says, "Our church has come through a painful, divisive conflict to renewed hope and excitement for our future thanks to the Center for Congregational Health."

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education department provides life-changing education for ministers and compassionate spiritual care for our patients, families and staff. A Baptist minister says, "The pastoral education at Baptist was the best training I've ever had in my life. A patient's wife says, "I could never say thank you enough to the chaplains for helping me through my

husband's illness and death."

There were 62,215 ministry contacts made by Baptist Hospital chaplains in 2007. In 2008, 45 students will complete accredited units of training in Clinical Pastoral Education.

The Mother's Day Offering is for sharing Christ's love with patients in need. Thanks to the generous compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received $727,884 in 2007, a new record! Every dollar helps patients in financial need pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist, in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. These patients have no other means of assistance, having too much to qualify for government assistance but not enough to pay their hospital bills. The feel the hand of God lifting their burdens through you, and their gratitude is life-changing. For example:

"Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for paying my hospital bill at Baptist Hospital. I had lost my job after working 30 years and didn't know what I would do. God answered my prayers through you. I know He guided you to help me and I praise Him for you."

"My wife and I are thankful beyond words for this gift! Our world changed after the accident. We were so worried about her hospital bill. The kindness of good Baptist people lifted our burden and helped her healing process. They strengthened our faith in God's care."

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving North Carolina Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. In 2007, $85,151 was provided to these ministers, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

At Baptist Hospital, our mission of healing is a sacred privilege and responsibility. We bring the best care possible to those who entrust their lives to us, combining medical excellence and simple compassion for those we serve. We see God's healing power at work every day, and we are thankful. We are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in the mission that God has given us.

Respectfully submitted,
Donny C. Lambeth, Interim President

GuideStone Financial Resources

The GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina exists to educate and inform key lay leaders who are the decision makers in our churches, and to facilitate the delivery of important products and services to the employees of the more than 4,000 churches affiliated with our state convention. Specifically, we use a variety of delivery methods to enhance the procurement of the following for church employees: **Insurance Products** (Life, Accidental

Death & Dismemberment, Medical, Disability, Dental, and Long Term Care), **Retirement Products** (Church Retirement Plan, Traditional and Roth IRAs, Personal Investments, etc.), **Compensation Planning for Church Employees, Tax Issues**, etc. In addition, we work closely with GuideStone Financial Resources in Dallas to provide financial assistance to those elderly ministers and widows of ministers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one time assistance through the **Mission:Dignity Ministry** which is the new term for the very successful Adopt an Annuitant Ministry.

To personalize the importance of our work, please consider the following vignettes. First, consider Pastor A, who had emergency heart bypass surgery this year with no medical insurance. The overwhelming cost of this surgery has placed a tremendous financial burden on him and his family. Furthermore, this pastor was not an active participant in the church retirement plan until recently. With the state convention protection benefits that come with monthly contributions to the retirement plan this pastor, as a retirement participant, now has a survivor and disability benefit in place for himself and his family in case of a debilitating illness, accident or death. Since no underwriting is required to prove evidence of good health, this pastor, his family, and the church he is serving is now protected from another catastrophic event resulting in disability and/or death. In 2007 working with GuideStone we paid the following disability and survivor protection benefits to North Carolina church employees and/or their families: 111 Disability Benefits Totaling $606,708.68 and 39 Survivor Benefits Totaling $391,254.53. This is a powerful example of **CARING** by our state convention by providing these much needed financial resources for those in need.

Secondly, please note that all church planters who receive financial assistance from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are now required to be an active participant in the Church Retirement Plan. With this change in policy we have the assurance of protection for all of our church planters, their families, and the churches they are starting in case something happens to them. By **DARING** to move in this direction our state convention has provided a safety net for those who have stepped out in faith to begin much needed new churches in our state.

Thirdly, consider Pastor C, who has now retired because of poor health. During this past year we qualified him to begin receiving monthly financial assistance from GuideStone through the Mission:Dignity Ministry to supplement his paltry monthly income. In fact, his wife shared with me recently that they would be in deep financial trouble without that monthly financial assistance from GuideStone. As of June 30, 2008, we have 206 persons from North Carolina who are receiving financial assistance through Mission:Dignity. **SHARING** in this way fulfills the mandate of scripture to provide for those in need. Please assist us in identifying other persons who might qualify for this assistance.

Finally, we wish to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information and products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1-800-984-8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross
GuideStone State Representative

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

The life Kasey lived was a sharp contrast from the life she was actually living at school where she was popular and a cheerleader. An abusive stepfather, a distant mother, and the responsibility of caring for her two younger brothers were too much for the young teen. Kasey moved in with her grandmother believing it would help. Instead, as she grew older, she acted out and made dangerous choices that put her at risk.

Kasey's grandmother knew about Baptist Children's Homes and made a call. The teenager now lives at BCH's Oak Ranch near Broadway, becoming the first girl ever admitted into the residential facility that had before only served boys. Today, she is one of seven girls in care.

Kasey likes living at the 755-acre ranch. She loves taking care of the horses. She is taking responsibility for her actions. Kasey is involved in theater at the Harnett County school she attends. Recently, she played a fish in "Seussical the Musical," and she is a member of the school's photography club. Her favorite subject is English.

Kasey reads her Bible and says she prays a lot. "I am a Christian. I have given my heart to the Lord. I tell Him everything."

Kasey is only one of nearly 1,500 children who find hope and care each year at BCH. Each one has a story. Each one is given an opportunity in the name of Jesus. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for remembering "the least of these.."

Baptist Children's Homes' president, Michael C. Blackwell observed his 25th year overseeing the statewide child care Institution on July 1. Blackwell has led BCH to become family-focused and child-centered while never losing sight of the ministry's core Christian values. His accomplishments are too numerous to list here, but the reader is referred to the July 2008 Commemorative issue of *Charity & Children* for a complete summary. Complimentary copies are available by calling 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1211. Under Blackwell's leadership, BCH now operates facilities in 16 North Carolina cities.

Baptist Children's Homes introduced a new residential service to specifically

aid older children as they prepare for life as independent adults. Transitional living provides care, counseling, and life-skills education to older children in a less restricted residential setting. The service was created in response to the growing need in North Carolina to help transition children from residential care to productive and self-sufficient adult lives. In January, Noel Home in Lenoir became BCHs' first transitional living cottage followed by Huffman Cottage at Mills Home in Thomasville.

On May 18, 2008, more than 300 supporters and BCH staff members gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Sanford. The Lanier Home and Mercer home will provide residence for six special needs adult women and men respectively.

The annual "Food Roundup" in April exceeded its goal, setting a new mark in the amounts of food, supplies, and gift cards given to BCH. North Carolina Baptists across the state, with the coordination of church leaders and association directors of missions, came together to deliver more than $300,000 in donated items. Another high was set in the month of May when almost 3,000 volunteers and guests visited BCH facilities for work days and special events.

Renovation of the Mills Home Baptist Church in Thomasville was completed with the help of North Carolina Baptist volunteers and a generous estate gift. Church groups renovated the fellowship hall installing new carpet, recess lighting, and expanding and refurbishing the kitchen. Upstairs rooms were painted and new carpet and lighting were added..

BCH has been re-accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Family and Children (COA). Accreditation through COA means BCH meets the highest national standard and is delivering the best in quality services. BCH received its first accreditation in 1987. The institution has been accredited ever since.

Three BCH centers received five star ratings, the highest possible rating, from the North Carolina Division of Child Development. The on-site daycare at Care House in Lenoir, a group home providing care and education for single teenage mothers and their babies, received its license in May 2007. The Fleshman-Pratt Education Center for infants to three year olds and Robert Idol Child Development Center for three to five year olds received five star ratings last summer. Both centers are a part of BCH's Weekday education program in Thomasville.

A special open house on February 3, 2008 celebrated the opening of the Truett Baptist Association Children's Home in Hayesville. The home represents one of the most unique relationships in North Carolina Baptist life as BCH provides residential child care services at the facility and Truett Association provides funding and leases the property. Truett Association and BCH have partnered to provide help to children and families living in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

On May 20, 2008, president Blackwell made the long-awaited announcement of the establishment of a wilderness camping program for girls. With a major lead gift from the Haskell and Gay Duncan Foundation, BCH has begun fundraising efforts to build Phase One of the camp, which is located near Aberdeen in Moore County.

Cooperative Program

Have you ever thought about how North Carolina Baptists pay for their many ministries? We call it Cooperative Program.

Here's how it works – every church sets its own budget, including what percentage of the budget should be allotted for missions. Most North Carolina Baptist churches set a percentage of their undesignated receipts for Cooperative Program.

Then church treasurers send those funds to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary. There the convention's accountants disburse the funds across the state and beyond.

Who decides how the money is spent? Each November churches send messengers to the annual meeting of North Carolina Baptists. Those messengers decide on the next year's allocations. Four basic giving plans and other options give congregations choices in Cooperative Program.

As funds arrive at the convention office, accountants send the money for missions and ministry according to the agreed-upon budget.

Do you want to get the Gospel to a lost world? Want to start new churches? Want to help homeless children and senior adults? If your church gives through the Cooperative Program, you're already doing all this and more!

This is the primary giving system for North Carolina Baptists that supports everything we want to accomplish in missions, benevolence and education. This is how we support a Bible institute, a major children's home, senior adult ministry, plus missions work across North America and around the world.

Cooperative Program also supports the convention's staff – your state missionaries – which helps hundreds of churches each year in programs ranging from evangelism and Sunday School to music and discipleship training, insurance and retirement programs for church staffs –and many other areas.

Cooperative Program also provides basic support for the Cary offices of North Carolina Baptist Men, so that operating funds they receive through the North Carolina Missions Offering can go even further!

In the Cooperative Program, NC Baptists have an easy yet cost-effective system that enables churches to support a vast array of missions and ministry with a single check. Imagine: If each or our 4,000+ churches had to send individual monthly checks to each of the 10,000+ missionaries and numerous institutions, agencies and ministries Baptist support in North Carolina and

around the world – in well over 100 foreign currencies to boot – it would require sending more than half a billion checks a month! The postage and banking fees alone would be staggering, even before the first ministry was performed.

Even a small congregation can be part of the biggest, most world impacting missions movements in our time. It is a good system that merits your church's support.

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

Accomplishing this mission does indeed involve Carina, Sharing, and Daring. The Caring of the Foundation manifested itself in 2007 as individuals were assisted in establishing 35 endowment funds and 8 charitable trusts totaling $1.8 million and received $4.8 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Approximately $445,000 from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received just over $7 million in contribution during 2007 for Christian causes.

And how is this for sharing – during 2007, our distributions totaled $13.9 million, with charity receiving $11.6 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $33.9 million has been distributed to individuals and $70.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $104.7 million.

The Daring is seen in our investing Kingdom money in such a way as to grow the assests while at the same time protecting the principal. To this end, the Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income

fund. The Foundation uses the services of Citi Institutional Consulting, A division of Citigroup Global Markets, to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2007, the Foundation held $156.9 million under management.

Respectfully submitted,
C.V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive

State Missions

As your Executive Director-Treasurer, I am humbled each day as I recognize the enormous privilege with which I have been entrusted by North Carolina Baptists. Through your generous support of the Cooperative Program, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) has boldly shone forth the light of Christ to this state, nation and world for over 175 years.

But while the Cooperative Program is the engine that drives so many of the ministries of the BSCNC, there are other vital ministries that depend upon your faithful gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO). North Carolina Baptist Men rely on your support through the NCMO to fund over a dozen ministries and projects throughout this state and beyond. From disaster relief and recovery to prison ministries and Baptist Builders, the work of Baptist Men is making an eternal impact every day around this world. Your offering will allow Baptist Men to continue to expand ministries and respond in new ways as needs arise.

Let's face it: North Carolina is exploding with growth. Opportunities are now before us that the founders of this Convention of churches could not have dreamed. North Carolina is known as a hum of technology, banking, higher education and commerce. We have record numbers of immigrants from other countries coming to our borders and we, as the church of Jesus Christ, are faced with great challenges to engage them with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. To reach the fastest growing segments of our population across North Carolina new churches are needed. Your church's support of the NCMO also provides much needed resources for the Church Planting ministries of the BSCNC.

The ministries of Baptist Men, the planting of churches throughout our state, many local missions opportunities through 80 associations –all made possible by your gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering! And the ministry continues to grow! This year you will notice a new addition to the NCMO: Mission Work Camps. The BSCNC and Baptist Men are working together to provide North Carolina Baptists opportunities for hands on missions and ministry endeavors through our newest Mission Work Camp in Red Springs, N.C. The NCMO provides support for missions projects in some of this state's

poorest communities. As a result, help is being provided, hope is being embraced and lives are being transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit as we serve in Jesus' name.

We who have tasted that the Lord is good have one holy passion – to invest our lives in things eternal. We pray that our lives will have an eternal impact, and we labor according to his glorious might which works within us to accomplish to the best of our ability all that is set before us as stewards of the resources God places in our hands. I am respectfully asking that you help plan a method to endorse, promote and pray for this special offering for state mission projects in North Carolina. God will bless the cooperative efforts of North Carolina Baptists. We need your support and participation. You can be proud of how these funds will be used.

May God richly bless you as you walk worthy of the calling you have received.

In His Service,
Milton A. Hollifield, Jr.

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board assists Southern Baptists in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission in the United States, Canada and their territories through a relevant national strategy for sharing Christ, starting churches and sending missionaries, in cooperation with Acts 1:8 Partners.

NAMB saw God at work in many ways in 2007 and welcomed new and exciting changes in partnership with our Southern Baptist state conventions, associations, and churches, as we continued to focus on our three primary tasks of sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries.

Sharing Christ:

• A total of 278 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,778. NAMB-endorsed chaplains presented the gospel 61,057 times, resulting in 9,954 professions of faith and 2,352 baptisms. SBC chaplains serve in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities.

• The Evangelism Response Center has 3,900 volunteers who serve as Telephone Encouragers. In 2007, the Center received more than 34,000 calls. Telephone Encouragers directly engaged with 12,008 callers. A total of 7,264 people made decisions related to their walk with Christ, including 1,731 callers who prayed to receive Christ. On average, 20 percent of calls to the Evangelism Response Center make a decision related to their relationship with Christ.

• NAMB is continuing its involvement in the long-term rebuilding of New

Orleans by bringing national coordination to the ongoing effort by Southern Baptist volunteers through Operation NOAH Rebuild. Last year 11,611 Southern Baptists served in the re-building efforts. But beyond meeting physical needs, Southern Baptists are meeting spiritual needs. Operation NOAH volunteers shared the gospel 495 times resulting in 132 professions of faith. In addition, NAMB is working with its partners in the Gulf Coast region to strengthen churches and start new churches to address the area's urgent spiritual needs.

• Domestic Hunger Funds (funds benefitting the hungry in North America), totaling more than $1.2 million, were distributed by NAMB to state Southern Baptist Convention partners. In 2007, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 3.5 million meals to the hungry in North America. More than 2,000 hunger ministries reported more than 35,000 professions of faith. There were more than 67,000 volunteers working in hunger ministries, and 7,200 new volunteers were trained in evangelism. Last year, missionaries and volunteers shared the gospel with more than 580,000 people because of the opportunities provided through hunger ministries.

Starting Churches:

• Southern Baptists established more than 1,455 new congregations in 2007. Of these, 55.2 percent are ethnic and African-American congregations.

• Through seven Nehemiah Project church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, 741 students were trained and placed as long term church planters. More than 1,115 people have served as short-term interns preparing for church planting roles.

• Canadian leadership has set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy reproducing churches by 2020. The National Church Starting Team has asked churches to partner with them to explore and pray in 2,000 communities in 2008 as part of "Encounter Canada 2008." Their goal is to explore and pray in every community across Canada by December of 2010.

Sending Missionaries:

•NAMB's missionary count was 5,271 on December 31, 2007. Of this number, 3,235 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 2,036 are long-term missionaries.

• 1,478 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester mission-aries made 13,467 gospel presentations resulting in 1,054 professions of faith and 497 rededications.

• An estimated 125,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB during the year.

•In 2007, 17,989 trained Southern Baptist Disaster Relief from 42 state conventions prepared 1,039,989 meals, repaired 1 ,238 homes/buildings, completed 1,357 mud-outs of flood debris, removed storm debris from 8,565 yards, purified 206,511 gallons of water, cared for 823 children, provided

64,587 showers, and washed and dried 4,547 loads of laundry.

- More than 9,493 new Disaster Relief volunteers were trained in 2007 to 70,410 the number of trained volunteers listed on state rosters.
- 157 new mobile units were added to the DR fleet in 2007.
- 6,257 gospel presentations with 508 professions of faith and 124 other decisions were reported.
- There are currently 2,377 trained DR chaplains on the state rosters. In 2007, are reported 9,186 chaplain interventions took place.

• World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 22,346 participants in 87 projects. Power-Plant a mission opportunity that mobilizes students in church planting and missions, saw 1,746 participants in 16 projects. Together participants in these ministries made 14,157 presentations of the gospel resulting in 1,209 recorded professions of faith.

The staff and more than 5,000 missionaries who serve through our North American Mission Board are grateful for Southern Baptists' prayers and support and are looking toward the future, confident in God's leadership and provision. We are especially thankful to all Southern Baptists who gave so generously in 2007 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. A total of $59.4 million – exceeding the national goal by more than $2 million – was given to provide resources to share Christ, start churches, and send missionaries. In addition, we are thankful for the continual financial support that churches give through the Cooperative Program. Our prayer is that God will find us good stewards of those funds and the work He has called us to do.

Prison Ministry

I have been involved with the Prison Ministry since March 1, 2006. For the past year (August 2007 - July 2008) we have seen 25 souls saved and 138 rededications. We were honored to baptize 31 men last year.

Another one of the ministries that I facilitate here at Mountain View is called the "Love Ministry." This ministry was developed for the men that are considered indigent or have no money coming in from the outside. Men that have jobs or receive money from their family are able to purchase certain food items from the canteen and donate these items to the Chaplain's office where we then bag up those items and give to the men that are in need. Last year, this ministry was able to touch 282 men who were in need.

In August 2007, the Gulf Coast Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There were 256 men in attendance.

In September 2007, I assisted in facilitating the first Native American Green Corn Ceremony. There were 14 Native American men in attendance.

In October 2007, the "Mountain Movers" Choir & Quartet, along with the Redeemed Drama Team and Team of Servant Leaders class were given a

special Ministry Team Celebration. Food was provided by outside volunteers and special music was provided by members of the groups. There were 47 men in attendance.

In December 2007, 17 local churches (13 Baptist churches) came into the facility and held special services and brought Christmas dinners for 905 men. During the services volunteers sang Christmas carols and gave testimonials. Also during the month, the Mountain Movers' Choir and Redeemed Drama Team presented a special Christmas Cantata/Drama entitled, *"The Birth of Jesus."* There were 107 men in attendance. Also in December, "One-man Quartet" Terry G. Hall came to Mountain View to hold a special concert for the men. There were 48 men in attendance. Also the Redeemed Drama Team performed their Christmas drama, "Prison Scrooge" for the men. There were 146 men in attendance.

In January 2008, the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There 226 men in attendance and 21 men were either saved or rededicated their lives to Christ.

In May 2008, Truth in Love Ministries with Donnie Burns conducted three days of special worship services. There were 225 men in attendance and several men rededicated their lives to Christ. Also in May, "One-man Quartet" Terry G. Hall once again came to Mountain View to conduct a special concert for the men. There were 77 men in attendance.

In July 2008, Reverend Dennis Morgan, Prison Missionary from Georgia, conducted a special two-day revival. There were 144 men in attendance.

Thank you for placing your confidence and continued support in me as your chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. May God continue to bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaplain Don Stafford

From an inmate....

My name is Anthony Willis and I am 29 years old. I am serving a life sentence at Mountain View Correctional Institution in Spruce Pine, NC. Here is a brief overview of my story: I was raised in Fayetteville, NC, by a single mother with 3 older brothers and 2 sisters. My father who lived in New York, died when I was 8 years old, while planning to move to North Carolina to be closer to us. I was even more devastated that we weren't notified of his death until weeks after his funeral because of the discord in our family.

Throughout high school, my mother worked longer hours to support us, leaving me home alone to care for my younger sister. I was that kid who desperately wanted to fit in with the crowd and to be accepted, but remained an outcast no matter how hard I tried. My lack of self-confidence and self-esteem attributed to my lack of friends. I felt as if I was invisible and could walk

through a crowded room and remain unnoticed.

Wanting to be popular and cool by having name-brand clothes, shoes, and jewelry, I began to steal to purchase them and soon joined several guys who accepted me into their life of crime. We began with clothes, then cars, breaking into homes, then robbery to obtain things to sell. This lasted for about a year until a life was taken.

At 16 years old, sitting in the county jail facing a life sentence, I had literally hit rock bottom and knew there had to be more to life than what I've endured. I contemplated suicide several times to just end the pain. I felt that all my efforts weren't good enough because I constantly failed. On an unexpected evening, 2 volunteers came in carrying Bibles wanting to speak to us but no one would. A few weeks later they returned and although no one else would go, I needed to talk to someone so I did. They told me about Jesus and how He died for my sins and rose again on the third day. I wasn't raised in church and had never heard the gospel message until that evening, but I believed him. Instantly I knew what he said was true and I knew I needed to be delivered, and I accepted Jesus into my life at age 17.

I was sentenced to life without parole and unfortunately my profession of faith proved to be just that, a verbal profession. I continued to habitually live in sin and my heart remained unchanged. Instead of just being angry at myself, family, and so called friends, I was now angry at God. I told God if He would get me out of my situation, then I would do anything He wanted me to, but God knew I wouldn't. Instead of leaving me in my misery, God surrounded me with 3 Christians who wouldn't let up. I yelled at them, cussed them out, and ignored them frequently, but they continuously prayed for me and were a friend to me. They were put there to illustrate God's unconditional love and to strengthen and encourage me in preparation for what God wanted me to do.

Now at age 29, I am living proof that God still changes lives. He has replaced my hate with love, bitterness and un-forgiveness with compassion, and my anger with peace. He has entrusted me with His Word to share the gospel with many inmates and I have witnessed several receive salvation. I am currently the overseer of the Drama Team in which we portray real life struggles and declare that Jesus is the answer. My mission is merely to do for others what those 3 Christians did for me. To reach out in love, listen, encourage, and be a friend to those who are filled with anger, guilt, shame, unforgiveness, and feel unlovable, just as I was. I wouldn't be who I am without someone reaching out to me. God has instilled in me self-confidence, increased my self-esteem, and revealed to me my value and potential that I didn't know existed.

My change hasn't taken place over night. A major part is taking place through the 2 chaplains God has chosen to shepherd us and has used to impact my life in significant ways. Chaplain Miller and Chaplain Stafford are a vital part of the spiritual growth of myself and countless other inmates at this facility who are seeking to know God. Also those who desire to be godly fathers,

husbands, and succeed upon their release. Without their prayers, love, and support, many of us would continue to live lives full of doubt, guilt and shame.

I do believe in miracles because I'm a miracle myself. Jesus changed me from the inside out. He receives all the glory. God bless you!

International Mission Board

The International Mission Board is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest evangelical denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members.

The mission of the International Mission Board is making Jesus Christ known among all peoples. Their vision is to lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the people of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Almost 5,000 people groups – 1.6 billion people – still live with little or no access to the Gospel.

The basic strategy of the IMB is to send and support gifted, God-called missionaries who, with mutual respect, accountability and cooperation, carry out the Great Commission in an incarnational witness. Their basic role is to lead and facilitate the international missionary involvement of Southern Baptists in partnership with overseas Baptists and other Christians who are fulfilling the Great Commission.

Vital Stats as reported for 2007:

- 5,359 missionaries
- 25,497 new churches
- 609,968 baptisms (in 2007)
- 9,858,018 church membership
- 567,413 new believers in discipleship

Status of World Evangelization:

- 11,573 people groups worldwide; 6.6 billion people
- 6,508 unreached people groups; 3.8 billion people
- 5,903 Last Frontier people groups; 1.6 billion people

How much does it cost to support a missionary?

- $41,258.77 a year
- $ 3,438.23 a month
- $ 793.44 a week
- $113.04 a day
- $ 4.71 an hour

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be coming up soon. This year's theme is, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus." This offering is collected for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work. Our goal for the 2008 offering, which will be

collected until next May, is $170 million. What would Lottie think? Would she, citing the 1.6 billion who live precariously in unreached areas, challenge us once again: "How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?"

IMB encourages Southern Baptists to give through their local churches to the Cooperative Program and and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The 2008 focus will be on South America. For more information and materials go to imb.org/offering.

Biblical Recorder

If it is not apparent to you yet, it soon will be: change is not linear, but exponential. Change comes at you not in a straight line, but in a blistering curve upward and accelerating. Changes you anticipated in five-years jump on you overnight. Knowledge is your only preparation to engage change without getting bowled over and the *Biblical Recorder* arms you with the knowledge you need to know, now.

The theme "Know Now" is behind our July update of the www.biblicalrecorder.org website. You will find in the *Recorder* rich resources in news, features, inspiration, Sunday school lessons, interpretive insights about issues, ideas about what others are doing and where to find ideas for your own – all things you need to handle accelerating change in your church and spiritual life.

The *Biblical Recorder* is not the final word in the undulating mix of ideas among North Carolina Baptists. Instead, the *Recorder* is a forum in which to share and learn what others are doing in missions, church, evangelism, physical and spiritual health, personal finances, ministry and theological topics. You will be able to contact the staff writer of any story and make comments on any story simply by clicking on the appropriate boxes at the end of each.

We will have a photo album online and we want to publish photos of your mission trips and special events. Send us 8-12 photos with identification of the event and we'll put them up for the world to see. Your Kingdom efforts, whether next door or in another nation, deserve a wide audience to help readers of the *Recorder* be inspired, informed and immediate.

Those of you so inclined can start your own blog, hosted at the *Recorder* site, where you will have some built in audience and traffic.

The online *Recorder* is updated daily and usually, several times daily. So come back often and stay in touch with the part of the Kingdom we call North Carolina Baptists.

The archives from 11 years of online news have been transferred to this site and are searchable by key words. So the *Recorder* is by far your best tool to find information about NC Baptist life.

The print version of the *Biblical Recorder* carries the most current and vital versions of the daily updates with colorful photos and staff change information. There will always be something in the print version that is not online and an individual subscription is just $15 annually. Churches may subscribe in various group plans to save even more money.

The *Recorder* is a great place to advertise your church staff searches, and to peruse while you look for the right person to join your own staff.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the BSC, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

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Respectfully submitted,
John Pond, Board Chair
Norman Jameson, Editor

Director of Missions

What is a "Baptist Association?" Down through the years I have heard it defined in many different ways. Some have been complimentary and some have not. Obviously, we are here to minister. Our intention is not to take the place of the local church but to compliment it. We do this through a number of different ministries that we offer all of which are geared, either directly or indirectly, to reaching people with a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The ministries that this association provide, through your contributions, are many and varied. The prison ministry of Mitchell Baptist Association is progressing nicely under the able leadership of Rev. Don Stafford (Mountain View) and Rev. Jacob Willis (Avery/Mitchell). Souls are continuing to be saved and God honored through these "church supported" chaplains. We are also continuing to minister to the senior citizens in our association. This is done by way of an annual Senior Adult Rally and weekly Bible studies at the Mitchell County Senior Center. Our ministry to combat veterans continues to

exceed all expectations. Many lives have been changed and hearts touched through this ministry.

One of my goals as your Director of Missions has been to see this association reach its full spiritual potential. We do reach out to our Hispanic neighbors through our efforts with Wilderness Hispanic Church, but, we can do more! We reach out to the underprivileged through the ministries at Walnut Avenue Apartments, the Baptist Children's Homes and Baptist Men's projects, but, we can do more! We reach out to the children and youth in our association through Bible Drill and youth evangelistic events, but, we can do more!

God is alive and well in Mitchell County. His presence is manifested every day in and through these ministries and the lives of His children. The challenge that I feel for our association is simple. It is to begin anew to carry on the great traditions of our forefathers. Not the crippling tradition that robs us of vision and excitement, but the traditions that insures a close personal walk with God as we strive to win souls into His Kingdom.

Those before us did so much with so little. We continue to see the fruit of their efforts. Today, God has blessed us with so much more. What will we do with it? Let us rise to the challenge set before us. As the opportunities present themselves in the coming year, may we do our best ro recognize them and having done so, to act!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Daniel Whetstine

Veterans Outreach Ministry

This past year we have seen our Lord's hand at work in a might way. Many souls have been won to Christ and many new doors of opportunity have been opened to me to take the message of salvation tolost veterans wherever they may be. Please continue to pray that God will direct me in everything that I do.

I shared with many of you about our plans to print my testimony and distribute it to veterans. I am pleased to announce that we have been able to do just that. We had 1,000 copies printed and have already begun to distribute them. It also contains the plan of salvation as plainly as I could make it. We have sent a number of copies to military personnel in various duty stations. We distribute copies at the V.A. Hospital in Asheville on a regular basis and also send copies to prison chaplains to be given to inmates.

I now have a DVD of the Veterans' Tribute, along with my testimony, to be shared with prison and military chaplains as well as pastors. It is very well done and has been edited in a professional manner. I would like to thank New Horizon Baptist Church in Marion, NC for their contribution to this ministry through the production of this video.

We are in the process of making plans and scheduling events for the coming

months. As most of you know, I will be leaving my position as Director of Avery Association in December to devote more time to this ministry. Our goal is to be able to visit a different V.A. hospital, prison, or homeless shelter each week. Please pray that we can achieve this goal and see many more souls come to Christ. We hope also this year to file for Incorporation and our 501(c)3 tax exemption.

Our Advisory Committee for this ministry is almost ready. We have some wonderful men that have agreed to serve. Pray for them as we work together for the harvest. 'To God Be The Glory."

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Daniel Whetstine

Baptist Men

Another year has passed by and the North Carolina Baptist Men have been busy as usual. I have been involved in several mission opportunities including:
• some trips to West Virginia to replace a roof for an elderly lady
• set up a shower trailer at Calvary Baptist Church in War, West Virginia, because the folks there lost the building they used to house mission groups in
• a trip to hand out food boxes at Thanksgiving.

Lee and Melissa Carter continue to go there on a monthly basis to minister to the children and the hurting people in this area and they do a wonderful job at it.

I have also had the opportunity to help build a couple of handicap ramps locally, one on Grassy Creek for a couple who had been in an automobile accident. The lady was going to be in a wheelchair for an extended amount of time. And one in Poplar for a lady who was literally having to crawl up four steps to get into her home.

The Mitchell Baptist Association and help from local churches financed these two projects.

The latest trip I've been on was one to Red Springs, NC, with a youth group from Liberty Hill Baptist Church. The NC Baptist Men have built a camp there to help poverty stricken people in that area. It is located in Robeson County, the poorest county in North Carolina. The NC Baptist Men have purchased an old warehouse that can house up to 200 volunteers at one time. Our own Eddie and Martha Williams are serving as coordinators there in Red Springs. This facility is second to none in any type of mission camp I've ever seen. Some churches from our area have been there already and if anyone else is looking for somewhere to go on a mission trip, I would highly recommend Red Springs.

God has truly blessed us again this year and I'm looking forward to His blessings in the coming year. If I can be of assistance to any of you, please feel

free to contact me. Thank you and God bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Travis Buchanan
Associational Baptist Men's Director

Sunday School

What a joy it has been to visit 22 churches this year. I'm sorry I didn't get to all. If you had revival services, either I didn't know or had other commitments.

Please put your revival services in *The Mitchell Messenger* if possible.

Whether I am Sunday School director or not I would like to be there.

I have enjoyed my mission with the pastors and their wives this year. Sorry if I missed anyone's birthday.

It's great to hear that churches that have been without pastors, now have one. Pray for our churches that we will continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard McKinney
Associational Sunday School Director

Wilderness Hispanic Church

The Wilderness Hispanic Mission was blessed to be able to move into our new building in November, 2007, although we still needed to drill a well and grade the parking lot. Just last month (June) a dear brother was able to drill our well and a mission team is scheduled to connect the well to our inside plumbing on August 16th, Lord willing.

We enjoyed a fine Vacation Bible School from June 30th - July 3rd, put on by a mission team from Kentucky. Our attendance was as high as 84 children one day.

We have been blessed with 4 baptisms this year and have seen much spiritual growth among our members. God is good – all the time and all the time – God is good.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charles Alonso, pastor

Bible Drills

Children, Youth, High School
and Speakers' Tournament

II Timothy 3:15: *"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

What better way is there to teach our children the holy scriptures than through the programs of Bible Drill?

I commend all children and youth who participated in all areas of Bible Drill this year.

We had 10 churches represented. The following children participated in the 2008 Associational Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth graders).

Altapass: *Derrick Wiseman, Jonah Crouse
Bear Creek: Keely Duncan, Katie Bonaminio
Berry Chapel: *Caitlin Greene, *Jake Virnelson, Joey Brown, Hannah Greene
Central: Abbigayle Atkins, Myles Heavlin
Crabtree Chapel: Bethany Allen, Cory Blevins, Suellen Renfro, Kaitlyn Renfro
Liberty Hill: *Rachel Silver
Pine Branch: Brittany Lyons
Roan Mountain: *Kemberly McKinney, Holden Buchanan, Jake Deyton
Spruce Pine, First: Drey Phillips, Solomon Duncan

The following youth participated in the 2008 Associational Youth Bible Drills. A double asterisk (**) indicates a six year participant. These would be ninth graders.

Berry Chapel: Cassidy Greene, Caitlin Blevins
Freedom: Tyler Hollifield
Pine Branch: **Destiny Jenkins, Haven Jenkins, Kasey Lyons
Roan Mountain: ** Andrew McKinney, Luke Deyton

We had one participant in the High School Drill - Kolby Silver from Roan Mountain Baptist Church. This is his seventh year to participate in the Associational Bible Drills.

I'm sorry to say we didn't have any speakers this year, maybe next year. May God richly bless every child and youth that were involved. They did a tremendous job.

I would also like thank each parent and leader who took the time to work with these children and youth. May God richly bless each one of you and your families. It takes a considerable amount of time and patience to see these children through. My hat is off to you. I have been there and done that so I know what you sacrifice, but it is all worth it when you think of all those

scriptures that are hidden in your child's heart.

Thanks also to our callers, judges and timekeepers. We couldn't have our drills without your help.

Also, our pre-drillers are such a blessing when they perform while our judges are calculating the scores for Children's Bible Drills. My prayer would be that all churches would start a pre-driller program. Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him the holy scriptures from childhood.

We held a workshop in October at the associational office with eight in attendance. There were four churches represented. We had a wonderful question and answer time and some games and fun. I hope this was beneficial for all who attended.

I would also like to commend Judy Greer for all her hard work and dedication to Bible Drills I would just have to say "she is the best." She goes far beyond her call of duty. If you see Judy, thank her for all she does for the whole association. Thanks Judy for a job well done.

I would like to let all of our churches in the association know that I would love to come to your church and talk to you about Bible Drill and the different levels of the drills. If you think you would like to get it started, you can call me at 688-2407 or Judy at the associational office. We can bring a Bible Drill demonstration group if you would like.

This year's drill was so different from any I have ever experienced. You could feel the Holy Spirit working through these children and youth as they participated. It was the most relaxed and worshipful experience I have ever experienced in a Bible Drill event. I really believe God calmed their spirits in such a manner, so that they could relax and enjoy their participation and be a great blessing to all who attended.

Thanks for letting me be your associational leader.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson

WMU

Theme for 2008 – "Called to Love"

Above everything else we hope Mitchell Associational WMU has brought honor and glory to our Savior's name this year.

We praise Him for all the opportunities He has given us to add to His Kingdom. We are "Called to Love."

Our watchword for 2007-2008 has been "Walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing, living fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Pine Branch Baptist Church on Monday, November 5, 2007. We had approximately 50 present. Our offering for the North American Baptist Women's Union was $300. This goes for projects and programs that advance evangelism witnessing, teaching, self-help and leadership training for women within our continent as well as throughout the world. Part of this offering stayed in North Carolina this year to help with Christian Women's job corp.

Our theme for World Day of Prayer was, "Seeing With New Eyes – God's Compassion." Curtis and Dawn Hughes took the time to learn our theme song, "Seeing With New Eyes," and sang it beautifully!

In the absence of our speaker, Donna Ward, Virginia Lovejoy did a great job telling us about the "Caring Angel" program. This is a program where individuals adopt a person in Brian Center to minister to with visits, reading to them, manicures, etc. These are mostly people who have no family or no one to care for them. This is a great program and so needed.

The ladies at Pine Branch prepared a feast of refreshments for us as usual.

Our Mitchell Associational Annual WMU/Adults on Mission Celebration was held at McKinney Cove Baptist Church on Monday, May 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m. We had 70 present with 11 churches represented. There were 4 pastors present: Don Ford (White Oak), David Philbeck (Liberty Hill), Brandon Pitman (Beaver Creek -- Brandon has been faithful to WMU) and Don Stafford (McKinney Cove). We are always glad to have our pastors. One of our ongoing projects is to pray for our pastors and for Daniel and Judy.

Our ladies brought lots of diapers and baby items to the meeting for Tri-County Pregnancy Center in Burnsville. Matt Buchanan, spokesman for the Center, gave us information about the work they do to minister to women and girls.

Mary Higgins is Executive Director and Mike Higgins is Client Director for the Center. Mike and Mary were recently appointed to Mission Service Corp connected with our North American Mission Board. We are excited about that. They will now be on our missionary prayer calendar.

Matt reported that they finished the new addition to the Center and their ultra-sound system is in place. Their hope is if girls can see their unborn babies, they will decide against abortion.

Music was provided by the new McKinney Cove ladies' choir and Debbie Ford. Guest speakers were Eddie and Martha Williams. They reported on the work at Red Springs Mission Camp.

A special offering was taken for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina to help buy perishable items to add to the "Food Drive."

We have helped Yancey County's WMU again this year with saving soup labels to get a van for their Hispanic ministry. If you would like to help, save the bar code and little man on Campbell's soup, Pepperidge Farm Products, Ragu or Gold Fish products.

Several years ago, we helped Debbie Wohler , North American Missionary in Utah with collecting soup labels. After collecting 1.9 million labels they got their van. At last count we have over 200 thousand labels. They go into a bank account like money with an account number in Minneappolis, Minnesota. We look forward to the day Yancey County gets their van.

Mitchell Association WMU had the privilege of helping with two prison ministries this year. We helped collect items for Christmas for the local Mountain State Prison. I think we bought all the Little Debbie cakes the Dollar Store had.

We also collected 320 deodorants for our WMU's part in the North Carolina Women's Prison Christmas ministry, "Big Red Box." The big red boxes are from Baptist Women of North Carolina. This is the only gift that some of these women get. Each association in North Carolina is responsible for different items. This has been a great witness of God's love and forgiveness.

WMU also helped provide desserts for the Annual Senior Adult Rally, Monday, May 5, at Berry Chapel Baptist Church.

Many people do not know Jesus. If we can comprehend that fact, we will with joy, save soup labels, help with prison ministries, hold up our pastors in prayer, or any other means we can to win them. It's all about our Savior and an unwavering awareness of the lost around us.

"Little is much, when God is in it."

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers

Christian Action League of NC

The Christian Action League of North Carolina is a Christian public policy organization that addresses public policy and legislative issues from a Christian world-view. The Christian Action League has a full-time presence in the General Assembly of North Carolina and has garnered considerable respect from both the Republican and Democratic parties. The League's purpose is to assist the church in fulfilling Christ's command to be the "salt" and the "light" of the earth.

CAL continues to provide critical information regarding social and moral issues via its interactive website www.christianactionleague.org. The website seeks to keep the church abreast of the latest developments in the culture war – both from a national and statewide perspective.

Rev. Mark Creech, Executive Director of the CAL, has advanced Christian principles throughout North Carolina and the nation in numerous speaking engagements that included denominational meetings, church worship services, political rallies, revival meetings, legislative chapel services, press conferences, media interviews, conventions and seminars.

Later this month, Rev. Greg Barefoot will step into a growing role at CAL. He is already on the Board of Directors. He will be speaking at churches, associational meetings and other gatherings to give Christians across the state a clear picture of the League's goals and a glimpse of some of the legislative battles being waged by the states' largest Christian public policy organization.

The Christian Action League is very proud of its relationship with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. They were actually birthed by this great denominational body. Currently, they receive $10,000 annually from the Convention. Eighty-five percent of the CAL's support comes from the Southern Baptist Churches in North Carolina that give through their annual budgets. The remaining fifteen percent comes from individuals, churches, and various denominations.

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

The ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute is a caring, sharing, and daring ministry. The mission of Fruitland reflects this sharing, caring and daring attitude. The 2006-2008 Fruitlland catalogue states the mission of the school:

- "Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute is dedicated to serving the needs of students without regard to previous academic preparation. The goal is to provide education at an 'entry level' and move the student forward spiritually, intellectually and practically."

This daring mission allows FBBI to minister to students, who are from diverse backgrounds and "without regard to previous academic preparation." Some students, who attend Fruitland, are, for various reasons, unable to attend college. These students do not have academic background sufficient to matriculate in a college or university. Fruitland prepares students such as these to complete their degrees successfully at colleges and universities around the state and around the country. This daring ministry makes Fruitland a unique institution. Each student receives a strong foundation in Biblical, theological, and ministerial studies as well as the basics in English and Reading comprehension.

Other students who attend Fruitland were successful in their respective professional and/or secular careers. Some have even successfully completed college. They are called to the ministry later in life. The daring mission of Fruitland makes it possible to minister to these students as well.

After graduating from Fruitland, many students attend a college or university. Others become pastors immediately after they graduate. Fruitland students are pastors in hundreds of churches around the state of North Carolina and the United States. They have long and successful lifetime ministries in rural churches as well as metropolitan areas.

Thanks to the visionary leadership of the Baptist State Convention and the cooperative giving of North Carolina Baptists, Fruitland is able to accomplish her unique and daring mission year by year. An examination of several events and accomplishments over the last year will reveal the work of God on the campus of Fruitland Baptist Bible Insitute.

Alumni Day was a tremendous blessing to our students and alumni. Mac Brunson, Don Wilton, and Stan Welch delivered powerful messages from the Word of God on this special day.

One of the greatest highlights of this year was the completion of the new chapel. The seating capacity was doubled and a state of the art sound system was installed. The raised ceiling and the beams in the chapel give it a unique appearance. The chapel was dedicated to the preaching of the Gospel on November 29, 2007. The chapel was dedicated in honor of Kenneth W. Ridings for his commitment to expositional preaching. His influence is a tremendous blessing to the Baptist of North Carolina.

Our first graduation in the new chapel was the December 2007 graduation exercises. For many years, Fruitland was unable to hold graduation on the campus because the seating capacity in the chapel was limited. This was the first graduation on the campus of Fruitland in many years. The graduates and their families were able to enjoy a special day on our campus.

Ann Ridings, the wife of the president, organizes several retreats a year for the Fruitland students and their wives. The marriage retreat was a remarkable success and a great spiritual experience for the students and their spouses. The wives retreat each fall is also a blessing for the wives of the Fruitland students. These two retreats are an important part of the ministry of Fruitland.

Fifty-two students graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute during this academic year. Eleven Hispanic students graduated from the Hispanic Program with the "Diploma of Christian Ministry." Fruitland's night classes consistently enroll around forty students each quarter. The curriculum at Fruitland involves classes in the areas of Biblical Studies, Doctrinal and Historical Studies, Christian Missions, English, Pastoral Theology, and Christian ministries.

Twenty-one out of the fifty-two who graduated in 2007-2008 continued their education. Approximately thirty-one out of the fifty-two graduates are involved in full-time ministry in some capacity in a local church.

The teachers at FBBI are an important part of the unique ministry of the school. They have a Masters Degree and are involved in full-time ministry in the local church. They sacrifice one day every week to teach on the campus at Fruitland This means every student is taught by a teacher who fully understands how to communicate the truths of the Word of God in a practical ministry situation.

Several significant changes occurred over the last year among the academic family at Fruitland. Dr. Joe Hester, teacher of New Testament 401-402, passed away in the winter of 2008. Dr. Hester was a great Southern Baptist leader in missions and evangelism. He had a Godly influence on hundreds of students over the years. Ernest Poston, the 301-302 English teacher at Fruitland, retired in the spring of 2008. His humility and love of the Gospel was a great example

to students and brought a pastor's touch to the English department. Brian Henderson, was hired to fill the position in New Testament. He is pastor at Etowah Baptist Church in Etowah, NC. Lance Scarlett, another alumnus of Fruitland, replaced the retiring Ernest Poston in the 301-302 English class. Lance is pastor at Racepath Baptist Church in Rutherfordton, NC. J.D. Grant became the Vice-President of Development this past year. Tom Hayes became the librarian in January, 2008. Scott Thompson was also added to the administrative staff of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute this past year.

The Hispanic program at Fruitland is another powerful demonstration of the caring, sharing, and daring ministry of the BSCNC. The daring mission of Fruitland makes her a perfect atmosphere for the educational needs of the Hispanic students. Robert Fernandez, a Fruitland alumnus, is the teacher for the Hispanic program.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held a training seminar in evangelism on the campus of Fruitland this past year. Don McCutcheon, the executive leader of the Mission Growth team for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, did a spectacular job of organizing the sessions and teaching the classes.

The Carolina Baptist Prayer Evangelism Conference was convened on the campus of Fruitland in April of this year. The conference was a great blessing to the students. Many were encouraged and convicted through the wonderful message on prayer by Stan Welch, Chris Schofield, Don Wilton, Milton Hollifield, and Greg Mathis.

Because of Fruitland's excellent reputation in churches around the state of North Carolina and beyond, a large number of churches contact Fruitland every week seeking a pastor. An average of 15 to 20 churches contact Fruitland every month in search of a pastor. The administration at Fruitland works very hard to keep a consistent correspondence with these churches. As they go through the process of seeking a Godly leader for their flock. Hundreds of churches around North Carolina and the United States are led by pastors from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

The students of Fruitland give testimony to the importance of the ministry of this unusual school. Many of the alumni, who continue their education after Fruitland, testify by saying, "If I was told I had to give up all of my degrees except one, I would give away all of my degrees and keep the Fruitland degree." The words of these students are a profound witness to the caring, sharing, and daring ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
J.D. Grant
Vice-President of Development

Proposed Budget

2008-2009

	2007-2008	2008–2009
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 9,000.00	$ 11,000.00
Retirement	4,800.00	4,800.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,200.00	2,200.00
Housing Allowance	5,607.00	5,607.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	18,150.00	18,150.00
Insurance	5,675.00	5,675.00
Retirement	2,313.00	2,858.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	300.00	200.00
Sunday School/VBS	100.00	100.00
Bible Drill	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	800.00	700.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,500.00	2,500.00
Mountain Outreach Campground	600.00	700.00
Veterans Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
Special Events:		
Pastors' Christmas Supper	500.00	600.00
Senior Adult Rally	400.00	500.00
Annual Meeting	200.00	200.00
Youth Events	800.00	700.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops, etc. (Director - $500 Secretary - $200)	700.00	700.00

Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	1,250.00	1,250.00
Secretary	1,350.00	1,390.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	600.00	900.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cell Phone	60.00	0
Internet	500.00	600.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	2,500.00	3,500.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,200.00
Electricity	1,300.00	1,700.00
Minute Books' Expense	400.00	400.00
Property Insurance	1,000.00	1,100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	300.00
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	700.00	700.00
Savings for Office Equipment Replacement	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 70,405.00	$ 74,630.00
Budget and Finance Committee:		
Dallas Renfro, Chairman		
John Hall		
Denise Davis		
David Philbeck		
Don Stafford		
Sondra Stewart, Treasurer		

TREASURER'S REPORT

4th Quarter and
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2008

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Beginning Balance			$ 15,359.02
Designated Income:			
Church Contributions	21,757.96		74,815.37
Community Missions	50.00		76.63
Joy Cove (Baptist Childrens' Homes)	0		150.00
Hispanic Ministry	189.89		1,053.59
Minute Book Fund	0		750.03
Miscellaneous Income	0		3,083.00
Sale of Supplies	50.00		291.52
Sales Tax Refund	0		104.22
Total Income	$ 22,047.85		$ 95,683.38
Designated Expenses:			
Hispanic Ministry		$ 189.89	$ 1,053.59
Joy Cove (Child. Home)		0	150.00
Mountain Outreach Campground		150.00	600.00
Minute Book s		0	1,298.61
Prison Ministry		624.99	2,599.96
Veteran's Ministry		300.00	1,200.00
Bible Drill		25.00	187.49
Building and Grounds		327.68	716.76
Property Insurance		0	1,049.31
Cash (Paid to Savings)		150.00	600.00
Conferences, Conventions		0	685.00
Community Missions		371.96	3,763.32
Miscellaneous		0	3,126.12
Office Expenses		320.06	3,336.81

Continued	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Postage		375.71	1,615.42
DOM Salary & Social Security Allowance		1,767.51	7,070.04
Travel Expense		550.02	2,200.00
Housing		1,401.75	5,607.00
Retirement		1,200.00	4,766.67
Christmas Bonus		0	600.00
DOM Insurance (on account)		-762.29	-591.13
Secretary Salary & SS Allowance		3,374.34	13,685.36
Medical Insurance		1,576.20	6,068.92
Retirement		578.25	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Special Events			
Annual Meeting		0	175.00
Pastors Christmas Dinner		0	480.00
Senior Adult Rally		572.99	631.33
Internet		145.50	504.49
Electricity		181.77	1,394.25
Telephone		229.42	961.32
Cell Phone		0	159.38
Treasurer's Honorarium		0	600.00
WMU		100.00	119.99
Tax:			
Federal		1,864.25	7,296.95
State		441.00	1,710.00
Total Expenses		$ 16,056.00	$ 78,234.96
Total Income-expenses	5,991.85		17,448.42
Ending balance 07-31-08			17,448.42
Savings Account Balance			$ 5,487.47

Resepectfully submitted,

Sondra Stewart, Treasurer

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year Ending, July 31, 2008

Church	May-July	Aug-Apr	Totals
Altapass	$ 2,419.00	4,581.00	7,000.00
Bear Creek	1,500.00	4,000.00	5,500.00
Beaver Creek	595.41	1,877.68	2,473.09
Berry Chapel	2,201.00	4,231.00	6,432.00
Big Crabtree	113.00	890.00	1,003.00
Big Rock Creek	50.00	250.00	300.00
Black Mountain	470.40	623.75	1,094.15
Calvary	419.52	1,151.98	1,571.50
Cane Creek	225.00	675.00	900.00
Central	529.11	1,798.98	2,328.09
Chestnut Grove	10.00	80.00	90.00
Crabtree Chapel	1,187.93	1,568.32	2,756.25
Fork Mountain	200.00	900.00	1,100.00
Freedom	595.34	1,812.83	2,408.17
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	600.00	2,700.00	3,300.00
Ledger	1,222.58	650.35	1,872.93
Liberty Hill	525.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
Lily Branch	710.68	2,340.61	3,051.29
Little Rock Creek	675.93	2,046.09	2,722.02
McKinney Cove	300.00	1,000.00	1,300.00
Mine Creek	773.72	805.80	1,579.52
Mount Carmel	659.84	2,050.51	2,710.35
Pine Branch	1,713.15	3,454.84	5,167.99
Roan Mountain	1,921.98	5,664.79	7,586.77
Silver Chapel	853.06	2,211.15	3,064.21
Snow Hill	548.06	1,453.39	2,001.45
Spring Creek	150.00	400.00	550.00
Spruce Pine, First	250.00	500.00	750.00
Toecane	0	200.00	200.00
Western Carolina	0	325.00	325.00
White Oak	188.25	789.34	977.59
Totals	$ 21,757.96	$ 53,057.41	$ 74,815.37

DEATHS

ALTAPASS: Mr. Edward Jr. Lowery, Mr. Joe Herbert McCloud, Ms. Decima McKinney
BAKERSVILLE: Mr. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Cherry Statler, Mrs. Lucille Pittman
BEAR CREEK: Mr. Junior Miller, Mrs. Ruth Duncan, Mrs. Vessie Willis, Mr. Walter Buchanan, Mrs. Kate Willis, Mrs. Delena Grindstaff, Mrs. Myrtle E. Sparks, Mr. Alfred Woody, Mrs. Ray Hollifield, Mr. Charles Hollifield, Mr. Roger Lewis Willis (Deacon)
BEAVER CREEK: Mrs. Louise Winters, Mr. Perry Honeycutt
BERRY CHAPEL: Mrs. Jean Buchanan, Mrs. Kate Woody, Ms. Doris Blackburn
BIG CRABTREE: Ms. Ruth Ledford
CANE CREEK: Lillian Greene, Rexie Ward, Linzie Ward
CENTRAL: Mrs. Nancy McCall, Ms. Opal McKinney, Mr. Harold Riddle, Mrs. Clara Stewart, Miss Claire Atkins
CHESTNUT GROVE: Mr. Howard Burnette, Mrs. Lille Mae Hollifield
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Ms. Geneva Butner, Mr. Jimmy McKinney
FREEDOM: Ms. Helen Garland, Mr. Virgil Stafford, Mr. Richard (Dickie) Freeman, Ms. Ann Pittman
LIBERTY HILL: Mr. James Miller, Mr. Brian Singleton, Mr. Gene Thomas, Ms. Faye Young, Pat Woody, Ms. Lily Parsley, Mr. James Hoyle
MINE CREEK: Mrs. Virginia Young, Mrs. Frances Buchanan
PINE BRANCH: Mrs. Donna Millsaps, Mrs. Hettie Renfro, Mr. Sam Renfro, Mrs. Hazel Yelton, Mr. Charles Spencer, Sr., Mr. Ed Riddle, Mrs. Flossie Sparks, Mr. Billy Jenkins
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mr. Lewis Parker, Mrs. Ruth Greene
SILVER CHAPEL: Mrs. JoAnn Silver, Mr. Paul Robinson, Mrs. Ruth Burleson, Mr. Bruce McKinney
SPRING CREEK: Mr. Luther Street, Mr. Jay Moffitt, Mrs. Georgia Garland
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Burnsville	28714
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Marion	28752
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Roan Mountain, TN	37687

Missions should be the activity of God's people, the church, to proclaim and demonstrate the kingdom of God to the world.

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1984	Bear Creek/Pine Branch	Vernon Buchanan	Annabelle Blanton	Frank Blevins/Jay Orr
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford
2005	Altapass/Calvary	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Don Stafford/Steve Williams
2006	Grassy Creek/Central	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Matthew Mills/Nathan Silver
2007	Bear Creek/Big Rock Creek	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Daniel Whetstine/Harold Grindstaff
2008	Roan Mountain/Snow Hill	David Philbeck	Judy Greer	Jude Hughes/Dean Honeycutt

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2005 Minutes

STATISTICAL TABLES

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4
Altapass	335	300	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	8
Bakersville	148	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Bear Creek	752	647	22	0	0	7	3	2	6	4	8
Beaver Creek	256	185	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Berry Chapel	555	360	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1
Big Crabtree	228	224	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Big Rock Creek	69	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Black Mountain	38	35	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Calvary	155	60	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Cane Creek	70	55	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Central	280	207	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	14
Chestnut Grove	125	30	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
Crabtree Chapel	226	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fork Mountain	60	60	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Freedom	234	234	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Friendship	103	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	542	426	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ledger	108	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Liberty Hill	328	191	10	0	2	0	0	5	3	0	7
Lily Branch	212	162	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

Little Rock Creek	72	72	5	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	161	109	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mine Creek	188	176	8	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	2
Mount Carmel	315	196	9	0	0	2	3	4	0	0	8
Pine Branch	598	502	13	0	2	3	4	1	3	0	15
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	228	163	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
Silver Chapel	155	80	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	239	222	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Spring Creek	192	149	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	647	452	16	0	0	5	3	1	7	0	0
Toecane	41	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Carolina	86	86	6	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	6
White Oak	132	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wilderness Hispanic	56	53	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7934	5994	151	1	24	32	28	22	29	4	119

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 10-Church-Type Missions Operating. 12-Assoc. Mission on % Basis
7-Year Pastor Came 9-Church-Type Missions Started 11-Lost/Unchurched 13-Intercessory Prayer

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Altapass	1925	1987	200	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bakersville	1868	2002	-	-	-	-	No	No
Bear Creek	1830	2001	345	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2004	65	-	-	-	No	No
Berry Chapel	1934		160	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	1999	75	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	2008	76	-	-	-	No	No
Black Mountain	1882	2008	26	-	-	-	-	-
Calvary	1949	2006	55	-	-	-	No	No
Cane Creek	1867		52	-	-	-	No	No
Central	1932	2002	104	-	-	-	Yes	-
Chestnut Grove	1923		25	-	-	-	No	-
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1996	63	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2007	35	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Freedom	1988	2005	100	-	-	-	No	No
Friendship	1997	1997	36	-	-	-	Yes	No
Grassy Creek	1818	2002	175	-	-	Yes	No	Yes

Ledger	1953	2004	54	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	2004	125	-	-	-	-	-
Lily Branch	1859	2003	75	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1884	1997	46	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888		76	-	-	Yes	No	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	91	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	75	-	-	-	No	No
Pine Branch	1921	2000	235	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rebels Creek	1915	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	102	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	-	-	-	-	No	No
Snow Hill	1915	2007	48	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	100	-	-	-	No	No
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	295	-	-	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	-	-	-	-	No	No
Western Carolina	2000	2000	80	-	1	Yes	No	Yes
White Oak	1884	2008	37	-	-	No	No	No
Wilderness Hispanic	1998	1998	53	-	-	Yes	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals			3084					

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

14-Total S.S. Enrol. 14b-(6-11) 14d-(18-24) 14-f(35-54) 14h-(65-up) 15-Other Bible Study 17 - VBS
14a-(Birth-5) 14c-(12-17) 14e-(25-34) 14-g(55-64) 14i-Gen. Officers 16 - Avg. Sunday School Att.

Congregation	14	14a	14b	14c	14d	14e	14f	14g	14h	14i	15	16	17
Altapass	110	12	20	18	5	10	10	4	28	3	-	91	124
Bakersville	60	5	6	1	3	4	6	2	31	2	-	40	65
Bear Creek	279	22	20	13	16	21	63	52	52	20	-	205	174
Beaver Creek	57	3	3	1	-	4	9	5	29	3	-	46	29
Berry Chapel	137	12	12	15	5	5	30	15	30	5	8	98	146
Big Crabtree	60	3	8	7	12	6	4	4	6	-	10	45	60
Big Rock Creek	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	80
Black Mountain	15	2	2	3	-	2	4	-	2	-	-	14	-
Calvary	51	3	6	4	-	4	15	5	14	-	-	50	35
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	105	9	14	18	13	17	10	14	7	3	-	68	72
Chestnut Grove	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	12
Crabtree Chapel	63	2	5	7	3	3	12	14	13	4	-	51	36
Fork Mountain	18	2	-	1	2	-	4	5	4	-	-	-	-
Freedom	79	3	7	2	10	12	15	14	12	4	-	55	32
Friendship	55	1	1	-	1	-	10	28	8	6	-	32	5
Grassy Creek	181	14	6	34	11	45	21	35	13	2	-	92	106
Ledger	55	2	4	3	8	12	15	6	5	-	-	31	40
Liberty Hill	145	10	11	25	23	10	14	16	30	6	-	105	91
Lily Branch	54	-	5	17	1	-	1	13	15	2	-	32	40
Little Rock Creek	70	4	4	9	2	8	22	9	12	-	-	46	45
McKinney Cove	74	9	12	5	2	10	16	9	9	2	-	58	64

Mine Creek	153	4	10	22	9	18	25	40	21	4	-	55	90
Mount Carmel	78	6	5	6	4	8	10	10	25	4	-	63	91
Pine Branch	238	15	18	18	16	27	48	47	30	7	12	144	134
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	98	7	5	8	7	11	14	15	29	2	-	68	59
Silver Chapel	56	3	5	4	2	9	4	7	21	1	-	36	42
Snow Hill	99	4	6	8	-	10	25	20	7	4	15	40	48
Spring Creek	88	10	11	4	4	11	20	10	10	8	-	90	65
Spruce Pine, First	398	7	35	39	25	45	70	59	78	5	35	198	95
Toecane	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Western Carolina	126	2	4	17	12	14	36	27	7	3	4	50	35
White Oak	37	-	2	1	4	3	5	10	10	2	-	35	57
Wilderness Hispanic	53	6	4	4	4	8	4	2	1	-	20	25	84
Assoc. Totals	3167	182	251	314	204	337	542	497	559	102	104	2049	2056

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:
18-Total D.T. 18a-(Birth-5) 18b-(6-11) 18c-(12-17) 18d-(18-Up)

Congregation	18	18a	18b	18c	18d
Altapass	20	0	4	0	16
Bear Creek	88	10	12	0	66
Berry Chapel	56	17	11	8	20
Calvary	35	5	8	12	10
Crabtree Chapel	31	1	5	5	20
Little Rock Creek	15	0	0	4	11
Snow Hill	23	2	2	1	18
Spruce Pine, First	75	4	15	26	30
Western Carolina	64	2	3	16	43
White Oak	20	0	0	4	16
Wilderness Hispanic	34	6	5	6	17
Assoc. Totals	461	47	65	82	267

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:
21-Tot. WMU Enroll 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up) 21f-WMU Missions 22-Tot. Bro. Enroll 22c-(18-up)
21a-(Birth-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-WMU Lead Team 22a-(6-11) 22d - Mission
22b-(12-17) Action Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e	21f	22	22a	22b	22c	22d
Altapass	13	2	6	3	2	0	0	25	3	4	2	0
Bakersville	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Creek	67	18	10	8	20	5	6	27	12	0	15	0
Beaver Creek	6	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	14	0	0	0	12	2	0	10	0	0	10	0
Central	27	0	0	0	25	2	0	14	0	0	14	0
Crabtree Chapel	13	0	0	0	11	2	0	10	0	1	9	0
Freedom	14	0	0	0	12	1	1	10	0	0	10	0
Grassy Creek	20	0	0	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	17	0	0	0	15	2	0	17	0	0	17	0
Lily Branch	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	6	0	0	6	0
McKinney Cove	12	2	2	0	6	6	0	14	9	5	0	0
Mine Creek	54	2	3	2	23	2	20	32	10	14	3	5
Mount Carmel	24	0	0	2	18	4	0	18	0	0	18	0
Pine Branch	34	7	15	0	12	0	0	7	7	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	15	0	0	15	0
Snow Hill	8	0	0	0	6	2	0	5	0	0	5	0
Spruce Pine, First	187	5	4	8	18	2	150	68	10	11	43	2
Western Carolina	19	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	565	36	40	23	257	34	177	278	51	35	167	7

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

24a-Undes. Gifts
24b-Desig. Gifts
24c-Other Receipts
25a-Co-op Program
25b-Assoc. Miss
25c-State Miss
25d-Annie Armstrong
25e-Lottie Moon
25f-Other SBC Missions Exp.
25g-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	24a	24b	24c	25a	25b	25c	25d	25e	25f	25g
Altapass	$ 204,565	25,401	-	10,946	7,000	-	1,568	1,725	7,269	12,881
Bakersville	-	-	-	3,290	-	-	250	905	-	4,000
Bear Creek	396,010	32,393	-	25,200	5,500	3,000	4,500	25,481	5,000	87,865
Beaver Creek	61,608	6,019	3,309	2,984	2,473	2,984	941	1,628	660	1,762
Berry Chapel	211,551	8,437	-	15,688	6,432	331	230	1,371	557	9,563
Big Crabtree	32,409	12,575	-	-	1,003	-	-	-	-	-
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	3,600
Black Mountain	-	-	-	139	1,094	1,290	119	239	774	600
Calvary	-	-	-	-	1,572	-	-	1,000	-	-
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	900	600	-	500	-	-
Central	129,495	22,107	3,764	5,820	2,328	1,264	1,813	2,263	2,022	9,788
Chestnut Grove	-	-	-	-	90	-	270	223	6,600	4,000
Crabtree Chapel	74,788	5,549	-	3,089	2,756	-	-	351	443	18,813
Fork Mountain	33,012	-	-	-	1,100	182	182	710	-	520
Freedom	117,656	23,561	-	420	2,408	4,286	2,173	4,518	4,706	36,610
Friendship	33,918	404	-	-	600	150	-	-	500	600
Grassy Creek	246,707	246,707	-	6,000	3,300	-	3,500	5,000	9,907	16,362
Ledger	56,218	1,920	1,200	1,200	1,873	322	124	841	-	-
Liberty Hill	143,350	18,222	8,542	3,000	2,100	2,674	1,342	2,772	818	5,516
Lily Branch	104,525	11,344	-	5,225	3,051	3,535	3,603	5,057	3,930	12,070
Little Rock Creek	53,778	12,764	-	-	2,722	-	800	1,871	9,525	5,112
McKinney Cove	64,320	2,737	-	1,200	1,300	800	810	1,091	-	1,200
Mine Creek	78,976	11,257	-	-	1,580	1,294	1,311	820	-	-

Mount Carmel	100,549	4,537	1,896	3,933	2,710	5,516	515	1,208	840	2,587
Pine Branch	264,300	91,266	20,043	26,074	5,168	1,527	1,390	13,716	6,665	6,045
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	152,848	40,480	933	13,480	7,587	2,650	2,046	2,500	-	17,342
Silver Chapel	51,000	20,000	-	1,600	3,064	2,400	1,250	2,030	1,600	-
Snow Hill	41,416	45,701	-	4,145	2,001	420	400	400	-	-
Spring Creek	83,398	-	-	-	550	-	-	-	-	4,640
Spruce Pine, First	330,000	50,000	26,000	23,000	750	10,000	1,500	1,500	4,000	5,000
Toecane	12,155	1,080	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-
Western Carolina	83,164	-	-	-	325	-	-	-	-	1,501
White Oak	40,141	11,504	-	1,466	978	-	815	1,302	600	6,019
WildernessHispanic	10,000	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200
Assoc. Totals $	3,211,857	587,701	65,687	157,899	74,815	44,825	31,452	81,022	66,416	281,196

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Friendship Baptist Church
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Spruce Pine, NC
August 23, 2010

Little Rock Creek Baptist Church
Bakersville, NC
August 24, 2010

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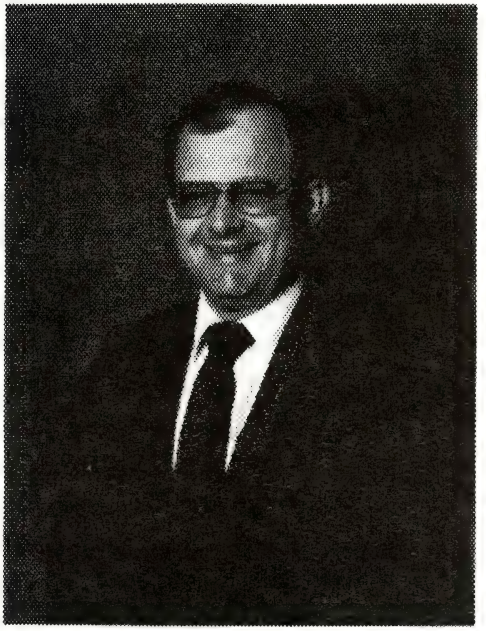
IN MEMORY...

Rev. Gerold Grindstaff
April 30, 1941 – March 24, 2009



Brother Gerold Grindstaff ministered faithfully for the Lord in churches throughout Mitchell Baptist Association. His thirty-eight year ministry in this association began in 1971 as pastor of Rebels Creek Baptist Church. He also served as pastor of Cane Creek Baptist Church and Snow Hill Baptist Church where he served for over thirty years.

During his tenure in this association he willingly served wherever he was asked to serve. Gerold served as associational moderator for 1993 and 1994. He unselfishly gave of himself in order that the work of the Lord might be accomplished. He was respected by all who knew him and his spiritual wisdom was sought out by many who trusted that he was truly "a man sent from God." He was a powerful preacher of God's Word and a loving, caring and respected pastor. He is missed!

Gerold is survived by his wife Carlean, a son Steve and wife, Candy, two granddaughters, two grandsons, a sister, Joan McKinney, and two brothers, Vernon Grindstaff, Jr., and Rev. Harold Grindstaff.

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Director of Missions ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine
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Treasurer ..... Sondra Stewart
461 Lower Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine

Historian ..... Buster Sparks
251 Ledger School Rd., Bakersville

Sunday School Director ..... Richard McKinney
65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine

Baptist Men's Director/Disaster Relief ..... Rev. Don Ford
132 Sunny Field, Dr., Spruce Pine

WMU Director ..... Carrie Pitman
1930 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

Church Music Director ..... David Thayer
1261 Wipprecht Dr., Spruce Pine

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195 Gouges Creek Rd.

Bible Drill Director ..... Martha Burleson
154 Duncan Dr., Bakersville

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Missions Consultant ..... Beulah Burleson
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President ..... Rev. Gene Self
152 Fred Self Rd., Spruce Pine
Vice-President ..... Rev. Chris Rathbone
327 Bear Creek Church Rd., Bakersville
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
160 Rabbit Hop Rd., Spruce Pine

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2009-2010 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Brandon Pitman
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Sid Pitman
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Lloyd Laws

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Gene Self
..... Rev. Matt Mills
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
..... Rev. Don Stafford

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Steve Carpenter
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Linda Buchanan
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. Jay Orr

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. B.G. McMahan
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. G.E. Freeman
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Richard McKinney
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Sam Swann

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. William Ellis

Central

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Jerry Pitman
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Larry Cate
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Geraldine Ellis

South

Term Expiring 2010 ..... Rev. Matt Mills
Term Expiring 2011 ..... Toby Crowder
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Carolyn Glenn

SERMONS FOR 2010 SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Steve Sisk
Tuesday ..... Rev. Vernon Buchanan

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 2010: Rev. Gene Self, Rev. Chris Rathbone, Rev. Bob McKinney

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2010: Rev. David Philbeck, Richard McKinney, Rev. Harold Grindstaff

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER FOR 2009 Rev. Nathan Silver, Rev. Mark McKinney

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2009: Rev. Dallas Renfro, Rev. Harold Grindstaff

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Billy Matthews, Lois Matthews, Dale Blevins, Mildred Haugen, Augusta Gross
BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, Randy Horton, Jr., Barbara Buchanan, Mitzie Wilson, Phillip Wilson, Martha Burleson, Nora Nell

Jarrett, Marie Jarrett,

BEAVER CREEK: Rev. Jason Kritz, Monica Kritz, Mildred Frye, Annie Swann, Samuel Swann

BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Iva Jean Grindstaff, Tom Reeves, Patricia Silver, Lucille Jenkins, Bill Love, Myrtle Pittman, Mary Stafford, Betty Biddix, Judy Greer, Betty Carpenter

BIG ROCK CREEK: Angela Honeycutt, Phyllis Garland

CALVARY: Rev. Jay Orr, Elden Cooke, LeElla Cooke

CHESTNUT GROVE: Rev. Joseph Miller, Betty M. Mace, Esther Snyder, Harold Self,

CRABTREE CHAPEL: Charles Allen, Richard McKinney

FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Jude Hughes, Charles Huskins

FREEDOM: Rev. Vernon Buchanan, Charles McClellan, Elizabeth McClellan

FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bob McKinney, Kathy Stamey, Marvin Stamey, Kenneth Murdock, Rachel Murdock

GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matt Mills, Rev. Gene Self, Jr., Jerry Hodge, Peggy Hodge,

LEDGER: Charles Ellis, Jordan Buchanan

LIBERTY HILL: Roy Hoyle, Kim Hoyle, Travis Buchanan, Mitzi Buchanan, Joyce T. Boone, Elsie McKinney, Gladys Pitman, Donna Hoilman, Martha Huskins

LILY BRANCH: Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, Jackie Thomas, Sara Powell, Alan Powell, Dorothy Grindstaff

LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro

McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Don Stafford, Allen Baker, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers

MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Jean Saylor, Jim Saylor, Debra Buchanan, Larry Cate, Helen Cate, Judy Roberts

MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Nathan Silver, Avery Buchanan, Margaret Buchanan, Bobby Doane, Ruth Ann Doane, Brett Bullis

PINE BRANCH: Rev. Steven Williams, Beverly Williams, Fred O. Burleson, Lucille Burleson, Lee Sparks, Carol Tolley, Princess Gilley, Susie Buchanan, Gloria Lyons, Carol Edwards, Charlotte Stapleton, Floyd Williams, Dawn Hughes

REBELS CREEK: Rev. G.E. Freeman, Barbara Freeman, Buddy Murdock, Regina Murdock

ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney, Scott Whorten, Kevin McKinney,

SNOW HILL: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Wes Brewer, Jerry Pitman, Morris Burleson

SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Angie Duncan

TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson
WHITE OAK: Rev. Don Ford, Brandon Pittman, Marian McNeill, Marcella Bailey

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational leaders shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the

Associational WMU Director, all pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and all duly elected messengers from each church.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its elected messengers in its annual report to the Association.

The Association shall hold one Mid-Year Meeting and one Annual Meeting as agreed upon by the body and in case of emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meetings.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator between him and the Association.
2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.
3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members.

Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet twice each year in February and August (Monday & Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August.) Each church shall prepare its profile to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the August meeting of the Association. The Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

Recommendations shall be made at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Pine Branch Baptist Church

August 24, 2009 3:30 P.M.

1. The 161st Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 24, 2009, 3:30 P.M., at Pine Branch Baptist

Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church.

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "I Love To Tell The Story" which was led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer, and accompanied by Dawn Hughes.

3. Rev. Steve Williams, pastor of Pine Branch Baptist Church gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors, and opened the session with prayer.

4. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev. Matt Mills, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. Rev. Mills made the motion to accept the program for the 2009 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-five churches were represented at this time. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out.

6. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report at this time. He read scripture from Luke 24:45 and talked about the events of the past year in the association and the upcoming events for the 2009-2010 year. His points were that the association 1) has to be a purpose – to promote evangelism and fellowship. 2) The association has to be a person (witnesses) and the association 3) has to be a potential. Rev. Whetstine made a motion for the adoption of his report and it was seconded and approved.

7. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at the end of the associational year is $10,561.20 with a balance of $3,485.07 in our savings account. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

8. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.

– Two guests were recognized and introduced. Rev. Lewis Smith from the Baptist Children's Home and Dr. Gordon Benton, from Mars Hill College.

– By the way of announcements, a thank you was given to all of the churches that helped fight against the alcohol referendum. Dallas Renfro thanked all who helped out with donations for the new well for Robert Ollis last year.

– Our new pastors were recognized: Jason Kritz, Beaver Creek Baptist Church; Harold Grindstaff - Berry Chapel Baptist Church; Mike Rathbone - Big Crabtree Baptist Church; and Dean Honeycutt - Snow Hill Baptist Church. Greg Burnette introduced himself as a guest of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church and stated that he was on sabbatical.

9. The Proposed Budget for 2009-2010 was presented by Rev. Mark McKinney. One change needed to be made. The total for the Veterans' Ministry needed to be changed from $700 to $1200 and the total for the Mountain Outreach Campground Ministry needed to be changed from $1200 to $700. These totals had been transposed. The budget total for the coming year is $74,275.00. With no questions, a motion was made for the adoption of the budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. In miscellaneous business, Rev. Matt Mills gave information on the upcoming "One Day With God" camp to be held at Mountain View Correctional Center on October 17. Volunteers and donations are needed for this special day.
– Registration Cards were taken up at this time.

11. The congregation sang the hymn, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

12. Dr. Gordon Benton, Director of Church and Community Relations, gave a report on Mars Hill College. He stated that they had enrolled 1,000 students for the coming year with 200 evening students. Seventy-four students had received scholarships from the Baptist State Convention. He announced their Youth Day to be held on October 3. This includes a program, lunch and a football game. The cost is $12 per person.

13. Our Director of Missions asked for a special offering for the associational office. The heat pump and carpet need to be replaced after 21 years of service. The amount received at this time was $475.47.

14. Special Music was provided by Danyeale Forbes, member of Altapass Baptist Church. She sang, "Remind Me, Dear Lord" and "Filled My Heart With Love."

15. Our Challenge Message was brought by Dr. Thad Dowdle, teacher at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He read scripture from Genesis 18 and spoke on "Walking With God in Prayer."

16. Rev. Jason Kritz gave our benediction and blessing on the evening

meal.

Break for evening meal.

17. The evening session was called to order by Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator.

18. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."

19. In the absence of Rev. William Ellis, our Moderator opened the session with prayer.

20. A second roll call of the churches was given with one additional church represented. Registration cards were once again handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

21. A report on the Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. Lewis Smith, Director of Development in the Western Area. He expressed his appreciation to Mitchell County churches for their support. He gave information on the upcoming Western Area Conference on September 10 at Broyhill Children's Home in Clyde. Rev. Smith also made an announcement that Chris Boone from Rebels Creek Baptist Church would be riding his bicycle from Murphy to Manteo to hopefully raise over a half million dollars for the Children's Homes. Because insurance won't let Lewis ride, Chris volunteered to do this. He is a renowned cyclist in Mitchell County.

22. Our next report came from Johnny Ross, our GuideStone State Representative. He gave benefit information that is available to our pastors and staff.

23. Special music was provided by Velma Sturgill, member of McKinney Cove Baptist Church. She sang, "Holy Ground," and "Stand Still and Let God Move."

24. Our mission message was brought by Rev. Homer Murdock, Jr. He gave us information on his "Touch The World Ministries," which is working in several countries around the world. He had a video to show but we were running short on time.

25. Rev. Dallas Renfro, asked for an extention of time for Rev. Murdock to show his video. The motion was seconded and approved. A video was shown on the needs of children in his ministry areas.

26. The congregation sang the hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in You."

27. Special music was presented by Rev. David Philbeck and his daughter, Shellie Marthers.. They sang, "We Shall See Jesus," and Shellie sang, "The Greatest Hero."

28. Rev. Chris Rathbone, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church, brought the annual sermon. He preached from Exodus 33:12-23, and his message was "Living in Challenging Times."

29. Rev. G.E. Freeman dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Friendship Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 25, 2009 7:00 P.M.

30. Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

31. The congregation sang the hymn, "More About Jesus."

32. Rev. Bob McKinney, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, , gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors.

33. Rev. Joe Miller, interim pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church read scripture from Psalm 46 and led in the opening prayer.

34. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-four churches were represented at the second night's session.

35. Special music was provided by the Pastors' Choir. Nineteen men participated in this choir. This was followed by the singing of a quartet made up of Rev. Dallas Renfro, Rev. Don Stafford, Rev. Kenneth Murphy and Rev. Jay Orr.

36. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given by Rev. Don Stafford, Chaplain. He asked for the adoption of the written report. It was seconded and approved. He continued with thanking everyone for their support and prayers during the past year. He turned over the rest of his time to Scottie Barnes from Taylorsville who is over the "Forgiven Ministries." She gave us information on the upcoming "One Day With God," camp that they sponsor each year. This is a fathering program that lets dads and children spend the day together with activities and food for all involved.

This will take place this year on October 17 at Mountain View Correctional Center. Volunteers and donations are needed to help with this program. Training will be held before this date.

37. Our next guest speaker was our own Eddie Williams who gave us information of the North Carolina Baptist Men. He spoke on their 13 ministries and asked us "What is it to love your neighbor?" Eddie is now the Mission Camps Coordinator for the Baptist State Convention. He and Martha are now working in Shelby, where they are constructing a "camp" there. They will be building homes. This is supported by your North Carolina Missions Offerings. Eddie also asked for prayer for a family of a 37 year-old man that had been helping to clear the land in Shelby. He committed suicide and left behind a wife and two small children.

Eddie asked for volunteers to come to Appalachian State University on Friday to help move out some dorm beds that had been donated to his ministry. He also asked for prayers for his family.

38. The congregation sang, "The Lily of the Valley."

39. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.

– Rev. Don Ford made a motion that our churches partner with and support Eddie Williams and the work he is doing through the Baptist State Convention. The motion was seconded and approved with a standing vote.

40. Rev. David Philbeck, called attention to the committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.

41. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Steve Williams. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. A motion was made to accept this report. It was seconded and approved.

42. The registration cards were taken up at this time.

43. The election of officers began. Nominations were asked for the treasurer. A motion was made that we keep Sondra Stewart in that position. The motion was seconded and approved. Nominations for clerk were asked for. It was recommended that Judy Greer keep that position. The motion was seconded and approved.

Our Moderator has served for the two traditional years and he asked for nominations for the next Moderator. Rev. Dallas Renfro, nominated Rev. Matt Mills, who had been serving as Vice-Moderator. He is pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. There were no other nominations. The

motion was seconded and approved. Our Moderator asked for nominations for our Vice-Moderator. Rev. Dean Honeycutt, pastor of Snow Hill Baptist Church was nominated. With no further nominations, the motion was second and approved.

44. Rev. Nathan Silver, Chairman of The Time, Place and Preacher Committee announced that for the 2010 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be at Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, and the second night at Little Rock Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Steve Sisk, pastor of Altapass Baptist Church and Rev. Vernon Buchanan, interim pastor, of Freedom Baptist Church. The dates will be August 23rd and 24th.

45. In Miscellaneous Business:

☞ Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, made a recommendation that we dedicate our 2009 Minute Books to Rev. Gerold Grindstaff who passed away in March. He was a pastor in this association for many years and served several positions in the association.

☞ Rev. Matthew Grindstaff, gave us information and a report on Shepherd's Staff. He stated that they gave away 169 food boxes last month and served 289 individuals. This organization provides food and heating assistance in Mitchell County. Donations are needed. If monetary donations are given, they can buy food three to one what we can buy in grocery stores. Volunteers are always needed to help stock the shelves.

46. Special music was provided by "His Kidz." Seventeen children and leaders came to us from Grassy Creek Baptist Church. to share the children's beautiful singing.

47. The Annual Sermon was brought by Rev. Gene Self, Youth & Associate pastor from Grassy Creek Baptist Church. He read scripture from Philippians 1:12-26 and spoke on "Encouragement for the Journey."

48. Rev. Dallas Renfro, presented the following resolution to the messengers:

WHEREAS, The messengers of the 161st annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association on August 24-25, 2009, enjoyed a time of worship, fellowship and encouragement, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Pine Branch Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 24 and the wonderful meal they provided and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of Friendship Baptist Church in hosting the meeting August 25, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers of the 161st annual meeting of the Mitchell Baptist Association, August 24 & 25, 2009, express their profound gratitude to Pine Branch Baptist Church and Friendship Baptist Church for their warm and generous hospitality.

49. Rev. Dallas Renfro sang the song "Father On."

50. An offering was taken for Shepherd's Staff. The amount collected was $250.00.

51. Rev. David Philbeck, Moderator, expressed his appreciation for serving as Moderator. He thanked Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, and Judy Greer, Secretary/Clerk, for all they had done to help him.

52. The meetings were dismissed in prayer by our incoming Moderator, Rev. Matt Mills.

Associational Mid-Year Meeting -- February 26, 2009

During our Annual Meeting last August, a change was made in our Constitution to go from quarterly Executive Committee Meetings to a Mid-Year Meeting in February and our regular meetings in August. This was our first meeting since that change.

Our meeting was held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Spruce Pine and opened with the hymn "Victory in Jesus." It was then called to order by our Moderator, Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church.

Rev. Donald Davis, pastor of Freedom Baptist Church, read scripture from John 3:1-22 and led in the opening prayer.

A roll call of the churches was given by the clerk. Fifty-four people were in attendance with 20 churches represented.

Miscellaneous business included the following:

Rev. Matt Mills presented a resolution "opposing alcohol sales in Spruce Pine." A motion was made that we adopt this resolution as an association. The motion was seconded and it was unanimously passed. This resolution was put in our local paper.

Everyone was invited to a prayer service on March 9, 6:30 p.m. at Riverside Park to pray about the alcohol vote. This was to be led by Rev. Dean Honeycutt

Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine brought a need before the congregation. Rev. Buster Yelton, a local pastor, has serious health problems, and no insurance. A love offering was taken to be sent to Rev. Yelton. The offering amounted to $458.75. Rev. Whetstine stated that the

association would make it an even $500.00.

A reminder was given that we had voted to support T.M. Abraham in India so that he could purchase Bibles to distribute.

Our Financial Report was given by our treasurer, Sondra Stewart. She reported that our checkbook balance as of January 31, 2009, was $10,079.34 and our savings account balance was $5,023.80. A motion was made to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

Martha Burleson, our Associational Bible Drill Director, gave a report on the current Bible Drills and what Bible Drills are all about. She is willing to go into any church that isn't participating and help to get them started in Bible Drills.

Rev. Matthew Grindstaff gave a report on Shepherd's Staff. He said the Shepherd's Staff was new and improved. They have moved locations and they no longer have a thrift store or furniture. They want to work with the churches in collecting food items. He asked that churches include Shepherd's Staff in their budget. The items needed for March are flour and sugar.

Special music was provided by Toby Crowder, Nathan Stewart, Josh Cook and Josh Dellinger.

Our guest speaker was Rev. Cecil Lovelace, pastor of Goodes Creek Baptist Church in Cliffside, N.C. His scripture passages were Hebrews 3:7-14 and Hebrews 4:7. He spoke on "Present Tense Christianity."

Our benediction was given by the host pastor, Rev. Nathan Silver. The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be our August meetings. On August 24, 2009 our meeting will be held at Pine Branch Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, 3:30-9:00 p.m.. On August 25, 2009, our meeting will be held at Friendship Baptist Church in Bakersville, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Judy Greer, Clerk

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Paulina...Eighteen-year-old Paulina has lived at Baptist Children's Homes' oldest campus Mills Homes in Thomasville for three years. BCH has been the refuge Paulina needed as the storms of her family's life swirled around her uncontrollably. The arguments between her parents were becoming more frequent.

Paulina's mother and father knew their problems were disruptive. After a recommendation from a friend, they called BCH. Here Paulina found caring staff members who would listen. She found a place where she felt safe.

Paulina credits BCH child care workers Sonya and Bobby Dalke for helping her make the best of her new life. It was through the Dalkes'

guidance that Paulina accepted Christ as her personal Savior.

After accepting Christ, Paulina stepped up for the other girls in her cottage. "I began to understand more," she says. "I was determined to be a role model."

Last year, Paulina was one of the first girls admitted into BCH's new transitional living service at Huffman Cottage. Transitional living allows a resident the opportunity to focus on the skills he or she needs to live independently.

Paulina has been accepted to a couple of colleges but plans to stay close to Thomasville and attend the community college. She is hoping to earn an associate degree in physical therapy and then transfer to a four-year college to receive her bachelor's degree.

"I am grateful to have had a place to retreat and feel good about me," Paulina says.

Girls Wilderness Camp Moving Forward: The long-held dream of opening Camp Duncan, a wilderness camp for at-risk girls, is unfolding through the commitment of North Carolina Baptists. North Carolina Baptist Men and Baptist Men on-site project coordinator David Seymour, are leading church groups and other volunteer efforts to develop and renovate the 576-acre property and its facilities. On June 13, churches, dignitaries and supporters joined BCH staff members and residents for a picnic and ground breaking ceremony at the property. BCH is in the process of raising much-needed funds to open Camp Duncan. The Gay T. and Haskell A. Foundation, for which the camp is named, gave a $250,000 grant. The foundation has issued a challenge gift that will provide an additional $250,000 grant once BCH raises $500,000. The cost to complete Camp Duncan is estimated at $1 million.

BCH Undertakes New Aging Ministry... Baptist Children's Homes has been tapped to oversee the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM), a dynamic Christian resource for the aging and their families. The non-residential ministry is operated by BCH and totally funded by the Baptist State Convention. The ministry focuses on providing information and referrals, on connecting the aging and their families with resources to meet needs, and on coordinating practical ministries. NCBAM is designed to help North Carolina Baptist churches and associations in developing services that benefit the aging. The ministry is Christ-centered and seeks to treat the aging with dignity and respect enabling individuals to maintain independence and a quality life.

Churches Meet Offering Goal...North Carolina Baptists rallied once more to meet last year's BCH Offering goal. The $1,410,000 amount for 2008 is BCH's largest offering challenge to date. BCH staff members spoke in a record number of 1,043 churches last year. Despite the economic climate, North Carolina Baptists showed their love, compassion

and commitment to putting the needs of hurting children first through their tremendous generosity and sacrifices.

Children Accept Christ...In 2008, 85 children in care at BCH facilities across the state accepted Christ as personal Savior. BCH remains committed to being Christ-centered through all its programs to children and families. Residents attend church, participate in daily devotions led by their child care workers, and North Carolina Baptists frequently visit BCH's residential locations helping encourage and minister to boys and girls.

BCH Approaches Historic Anniversary.

This November, Baptist Children's Homes will begin counting down to its 125th anniversary. Originally known as the Baptist Orphanage, BCH opened its doors on November 11, 1885 and today operates care facilities in 14 North Carolina communities. A year-long celebration will culminate at the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of 2010.

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board assists Southern Baptists in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission In the United States, Canada and their territories through a national strategy for sharing Christ, starting churches and sending missionaries, in cooperation with Acts 1:8 Partners.

Grateful for the prayers and financial support which make the ministries possible, our missions personnel know that 2009 will be filled with unprecedented economic challenges and recognize that good stewardship in every aspect of life is of utmost importance to the Kingdom work to which they are called. For stories that will inspire and inform you about the work of these missionaries and chaplains, visit the Video Gallery on www.namb.net.

We are especially thankful to all Southern Baptists who gave so generously in 2008 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. A total of $58 million (unaudited figure) was given to missions -- 100% of which goes to the mission field. These funds provide resources to share Christ, start churches, and send more missionaries. In addition, we are thankful for the continual financial support that churches give through the Cooperative Program.

Sharing Christ

There are now 2,875 SBC-endorsed chaplains. These include: Military-1,134; Hospital-570; Professional-395; Corporate-191; Volunteer-778. For more information about chaplaincy, visit www.namb.net/chaplain.

NAMB continues its involvement in the long-term rebuilding in New Orleans, LA. Operation New Orleans Area Home Rebuild (NOAH) in the third year of ministry. During the three years of operation NOAH has used more than 1,444 volunteer teams composed of 24,205 volunteers to assist

more than 1,505 homes and 26 churches in the recovery process. More than 760 presentations of the gospel resulted in 404 professions of faith and 34 other decisions. For information on volunteering in the effort, see www.namb.net/noah.

Domestic Hunger Funds (funds benefitting the hungry In North America), totaling more than $1.2 million, were distributed by NAMB to state Southern Baptist Convention partners. In 2008, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 4 million meals to the hungry in North America. More than 2,000 hunger ministries reported over 32,000 professions of faith.

In 2008, 253 NAMB pregnancy centers served 145,433 clients, saved 4,726 babies, and saw 3,434 professions of faith. A NAMB-affillated center is a pregnancy resource center that has either ① started as new center by one of the Pregnancy Care state trainers in cooperation with a local SBC church, association or state convention, or ② is an existing center that asked to affiliate with NAMB.

Starting Churches

Southern Baptists established more than 1,500 new congregations in 2008. Canadian leadership has set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. In addition, they have a goal to explore and pray in every community across Canada by December of 2010. All six Southern Baptist seminaries and the Canadian Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have Nehemiah Project professors in place. This partnership helps to mobilize new church planters. Through seven Nehemiah Project church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, 778 students In 2008 were trained and placed as long term planters.

Sending Missionaries

NAMB's missionary count was 5,611 on December 31, 2008. Of this number, 3,739 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,872 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries.

A total of 1,641 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester missionaries made 13,880 gospel presentations resulting in 1,226 professions of faith and 820 rededications.

Trained Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers from 42 state conventions spent 118,951 volunteer days and prepared 7,914,391 meals and repaired 12,474 homes/buildings. More than 5,800 new Disaster Relief volunteers were trained in 2008, which brings the total number of trained volunteers to more than 88,800. A total of 3,487 gospel presentations with 448 professions of faith and 61 other decisions were reported. World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than

22,096 participants in 95 projects. PowerPlant, a mission opportunity that mobilizes students in church planting and missions, saw 1,889 participants in 20 projects. Together participants in these ministries made 14,757 presentations of the gospel resulting in 997 recorded professions of faith.

The budget for NAMB in 2008 was $133,800,000.

International Mission Board

Our task is truly God-sized as we lead Southern Baptists to join His work, proclaiming His name and growing His kingdom among the nations.

Our home office is in Richmond, Virginia, but our hearts, minds and energies are focused on the world's peoples – many of whom have never heard of Jesus Christ – and more than 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries who work diligently to share His great love with them.

The basic strategy of the IMB is to send and support gifted, God-called missionaries who, with mutual respect, accountability and cooperation, carry out the Great Commission in an incarnational witness. Their basic role is to lead and facilitate the international missionary involvement of Southern Baptists in partnership with overseas Baptists and other Christians who are fulfilling the Great Commission.

Fast facts: (2008)

– 11,626 people groups worldwide, 6.8 billion people
– 6,510 unreached people groups
– 5,629 missionaries
– 5,226 student volunteers
– 565, 967 overseas baptisms
–10.3 million overseas church membership
– 26,970 new churches started

Every penny given to the Lottie Moon offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas.. The offering represents 54 percent of the International Mission Board's total income.

Prison Ministry

This has been the best year for me here at Mountain View Corrections. For the past year (August 2008 - July 2009) we have seen 85 souls saved and 192 rededications. We were honored to baptize 31 men last year.

One of the ministries that I facilitate here at Mountain View is called the "Love Ministry". This ministry was developed for the men that are considered indigent or have no money coming in from the outside. Men that have jobs or receive money from their family are able to purchase certain food items from the canteen and donate these items to the Chaplain's Office where we then bag up those items and give to the men that are in need. Last year, this ministry was able to touch 600 men who were in need.

In April 2009, the Gulf Coast Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There were 226 men in attendance.

Again, in September 2008, I assisted in facilitating the Native American Green Corn Ceremony. There were 19 Native American men in attendance.

In October 2008, the "Mountain Movers'" Choir & Quartet, along with the Redeemed Drama Team and Team of Servant Leaders class were given a special Ministry Team Celebration. Once again food was provided by churches and special music was provided by members of the groups. There were 45 men in attendance.

In December 2008, 17 local churches (13 Baptist churches) came into the facility and held special services and brought Christmas dinners for 905 men. During the services volunteers sang Christmas carols and gave testimonials. Later in month, the Drama team gave a performance of the "The Reunited" to the churches that brought food for the men during Christmas.

During the month of December, the Mountain Movers' Choir and Redeemed Drama Team presented a special Christmas Cantata/Drama entitled "The Reunited". There were 109 men in attendance.

Also in December, "One-man Quartet" Terry G. Hall came to Mountain View to hold a special concert for the men. There were 55 men in attendance.

May I say thank you for your prayers and continued support as your chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. May God continue to bless you.

Chaplain Don Stafford

WMU

Our theme this year has been "Live the Call," and we have tried to do that in Mitchell Association's WMU. The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held November 3, 2008, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church. A special treat was presented by the G.A.s from Pine Branch Baptist Church led by Amy Ellis and the leaders who help her. Amy and her G.A.s are ever busy for the Lord. They sang beautifully and brought an offering.

Debra Buchanan, Associational Assistant WMU Director, "put the icing on the cake," with her closing words and calling for altar prayer for our country, nation, etc.

Special music was provided by Rev. David Philbeck and Martha Huskins. Our offering for North American Baptist Women's Union was $203.00. We had 55 in attendance.

The Annual Associational WMU Celebration was held at Bear Creek Baptist Church, Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. with 10 churches represented. We had 63 people present. We tried something new this year

with Bear Creek ladies fixing a meal for us before the meeting instead of having refreshments afterwards. It was wonderful, and we appreciated it, especially the ladies that work and don't have time to fix a meal before coming to the meeting.

Our guest speakers were Chris and Gerry Henley. For several years the Henleys have had a very successful ministry with the Jesus film all over the state of North Carolina and now are doing other ministries as well. The Henleys attend Altapass Baptist Church.

We also had Bernadette Riley speak. She works with "Operation Blessing" Ministries. She spoke of their mission trip to North Dakota after the flood there. Wendy Miller did a beautiful job with the music.

Our offering this year went to "Pure Water – Pure Love." We collected $287.50. "Pure Water – Pure Love" is a national WMU project that helps provide clean water for people in the United States and around the world.

This ministry continues to meet the needs of our missionaries through water filters as well as the expansion of the ministry with the drilling of wells and other water purification systems. We received a letter of thanks from Kristy Carr who is the "Pure Water – Pure Love" project manager.

We also gave our usual $100 honorarium to our guest speakers.

Our WMU continues to help the Tri-County Pregnancy Center. The ladies brought much needed items to the annual meeting for Mike and Mary Ann Higgins, Directors of the Center, to take back. Through this ministry, girls and women come to know the Lord and learn that their babies are a precious gift from God.

Our Christmas project again this year was helping with North Carolina's WMU's "Big Red Box". This is for the women's prison ministry. We provided money to buy boxes, wrapping paper and cards.

We also helped provide lunch bags for the "One Day with God" prison ministry and helped with the associational Senior Adult Rally in May.

We partnered with Travis Buchanan, Brotherhood Director, on some projects for elderly and sick in our county. Travis worked through "Missions in the Mountains" ministry teams to help some people with great needs (porches, wheelchair ramps, etc.). Thank you Travis! We are glad WMU could partner with you.

We are still saving Campbells product labels to help Yancey Association get a van for their Hispanic ministry.

WMU's greatest mission is to promote offerings in our churches that people will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ in Mitchell County, North Carolina, and around the world. We praise Him for every opportunity He gives us to serve through WMU.

My heart is sad, but yet I look forward with joyful anticipation to the future of WMU in Mitchell Association. I have resigned my position as associational WMU Director and Carrie Pitman will be our new director.

I will be mentoring Carrie and working along side of her and Assistant Director, Debra Buchanan. I love all of you in Mitchell Association's WMU and have enjoyed so much the years I have worked with you. I have said many times that you are the best, and you are!

Marlene Ayers

Mountain Outreach Campground Ministries

Praise be to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Frances and I would like to thank you very much for the funding you all have been so graciously sending to help the Mountain Outreach Campground Ministries. This will help us to remain another year at the Secluded Valley Campground preaching the Gospel and teaching God's word to all that come through during their summers, weekends and vacations. We are now half-way through our eleventh year and are still on fire for Jesus Christ. This year has been a little different due to the economy keeping some of the regulars that are on fixed incomes home. On the other hand it has help pick up the weekend campers attendance. We have campers that are here from all over the country that stay in the campground all summer, some as many as 14 years or longer. The congregation is filled with people from all walks of life and a wide variety of denominations. Most that attend have been a Christian longer than I have been alive. The rest have either a background being unchurched for many years or are attending worship service and Bible study for the first time. We have seen God work in people's lives more and more each and every year. This year we have a couple that has rededicated their life to Christ after many years of being out of his will and unchurched. They haven't missed Sunday morning worship or a Wednesday night Bible study this season, praise be to Jesus. We have been blessed with another man this year at Sunday morning worship that has been attending and according to his family this has been the only place he has attended, praise be to Jesus. We see God working and changing lives all the time as people hear more and more of His word. I could go on and on but I think you get the picture. We, through the Holy Spirit have been busy each week night discipling all that God sends our way. A few Sundays ago we had a surprise visit from members of the Christian motorcycle association as they rode in on their motorcycles and worshiped with us. A lot of people ask how many decisions for Jesus Christ for salvation have we had this year. We haven't had any that have been made public so far, but all who come through have heard the life saving message. Keep us in your prayers that we can remain here till God is ready for us to go elsewhere. Again thanks for your prayers and donations. God bless you.

Rev. Morris Stamey and Frances Stamey
Mountain Outreach Campground Ministries, 766-8237 or 766-7205

Sunday School

We have enjoyed another year of visiting your church during revivals, when we knew about them. Sometimes we heard about them too late. If possible, try to put them in the Mitchell Messenger.

The churches we visited showed us a warm welcome and sweet fellowship. Try to keep the visitation and caring going on.

The mission work for the pastors and their wives has been a joy this year. May God bless each church in a special way in the coming year.

Richard McKinney

Bible Drills

I praise the Mitchell Association for Bible Drills. I can't think of anything more exciting than learning God's Word. He is an awesome God. What better way is there to know Him but through His Word. God says His Word is like a two-edged sword that pierces our very being.

Our Bible Drills were held at Bear Creek Baptist Church on Saturday, April 4, 2009. We had 12 churches involved and 22 participants.

These included in the Children's Drill:

Altapass: Jonah Crouse
Bear Creek: Keely Duncan, Katie Bonaminio
Berry Chapel: Nineva Penley
Bethel: Hunter Duncan, Jesse Pitman
Central: Myles Heavlin
Crabtree Chapel: Bethany Allen, Suellen Renfro, Kaitlyn Renfro, Austin Whitson
Liberty Hill: Daniel Silver
Pine Branch: Brittany Lyons
Roan Mountain: Holden Buchanan, Will Barnett, Justin Helton
Spruce Pine, First: Solomon Duncan

Youth Drill:

Freedom: Tyler Hollifield
Liberty Hill: Rachel Silver, Becky Ramsey
Pine Branch: Kasey Lyons

High School:

Roan Mountain: Kolby Silver

Judy and I would like to thank again all the children, youth, and high school students that participated and for a job well done. We would also like to thank parents, pastors, leaders, teachers, judges, timekeepers, and anyone else that was involved in making our drills possible.

Thanks for letting me be your Associational leader again this year. It is always a joy to serve the children and youth of Mitchell Association. I am available to help anyone that wants to learn more about Bible Drill. I will

be glad to meet with you at your church or at the Associational Office. Just call 688-2407, or Judy at the Associational Office, 765-9412.

Martha Burleson

Wilderness Hispanic Church

The Wilderness Hispanic Church is thankful for another year full of God's blessings.

Since the dedication of our new building last year we have been working on finishing the inside of the building and trying to finish the parking lot outside. Our thanks to everyone who came along to help and our sister churches, brothers and sisters, who did so faithfully send a love offering to help with our new building.

We are also very grateful to the missionary team that came for a whole week to do our Vacation Bible School in July. We had over 85 children down by the North Toe River and a blessed time for all who came.

On the heels of our VBS, we had our annual baptisms down by the river, also in July. We are pleased to announce that we have twelve new members who made their public confessions of faith in obedience to God's Word by baptism.

The Wilderness Camp in Mexico is our long-term mission project in San Fernando, Mexico. This is a camp that was destroyed by a hurricane a few years ago. Please join us in the restoration of a much needed children's home and youth camp. We trust and wait on our Lord's blessings and protection by our obedience to go into all nations and make disciples. Please visit our website for our new pictures and articles.

Pastor Charles Alonso

The State Of The Association

Mitchell Baptist Association is, as we know it, in very good shape. As with any organization in the times that we live in, there are some areas that could use some work. But, all things considered, we are in great shape.

I am concerned though that a number of people still don't understand the full potential of the association of churches to impact this county for Christ. By working together, we can do so much more than we ever could alone. Jesus himself stressed the importance of cooperation when he sent his followers out to do ministry in groups of two or more. Today we have a total of thirty-five churches in our association. By following the example set by our Lord and working together, we should be able to accomplish much for His glory.

As I stated earlier, some fail to understand the purpose of the association of churches. At the ascension, Jesus instructed His disciples to minister by

preaching "repentance and remission of sins." He didn't put geographical limitations on this ministry. In fact, He did the very opposite and encouraged them to minister around the world with the good news that "Jesus saves", but, to start in Jerusalem.

There is a great need right where we are. The association, with your support is trying to meet many of these needs. We are actively involved in winning the lost through our evangelistic efforts. These include but are not limited to: Prison Ministry, Veterans Ministry, Prophecy Conference, Youth Rallies, Associational Bible Drill, Evangelistic Crusade (2010), and Campground Ministry just to mention a few. Winning the lost to Christ and helping others to be equipped to do the same is our first priority at Mitchell Baptist Association.

Fellowship is an essential part of any ministry. Your association strives to promote fellowship among the member churches in a number of different ways. We sponsor a weekly Pastors' Conference to allow the pastors an opportunity to share ideas, concerns and prayer requests before a time of worship. We also sponsor an annual Senior Adult Rally, Pastors and Wives Banquet, Associational Singing Convention, Old Fashioned Sunday School Convention (2010), etc. All of these ministries are geared toward bringing our association closer together that we might be better prepared to serve our Lord.

We also offer Interim Pastor lists, Supply Speakers list, Training Materials, Historical Records, Missionary Speakers list, Mediation, Printing, and the list goes on.

Your association is here for you! We have a great many resources available on hand and others that are a phone call away that are for your benefit. Please make use of your associational office. If you need our assistance at any time, please call. May God Bless!

Daniel Whetstine

Veterans' Ministry

Ministry to our combat veterans continues to be an important issue with me. I truly feel called of the Lord to do whatever I can to minister to those who have sacrificed so much for the good of their country. Many of these men are still fighting battles that have been over for decades, but in their mind, the battles continue. I am finding out that my combat experience affords me an open door to minister to these men and to tell them about another great victorious battle that took place on Calvary .

The latest statical findings show that there are approximately 25 million veterans in the United States. Of these, 9.7 million are over the age of 65. How sad it would be to let these men go into eternity without showing them the way of salvation.

The needs of these men and women are many and may be different than

any you have ever encountered. I recently witnessed to a veteran with terminal cancer. Because of the bond that we both shared (Vietnam), I was able to share the plan of salvation. He didn't accept Christ but the door was left open to speak with him again. On another occasion, I was able to share with a veterans group at the Asheville VA Hospital, many of whom suffer with Post-Traumatic Stress. I was able to tell what Christ has done in my life. And then there's Ed. Ed is a unique character who served with 2/9 (The Walking Dead) in Vietnam. Ed is suffering with P.T.S.D. so badly that he prays to his master to let him die. The saddest thing about this is that Satan was the one he prayed to. Ed has finally agreed to let me pray for him. What he didn't know was that I was already praying.

As you can see, the fields are white.

Please lift this ministry up to the Lord in prayer. I hope to soon to begin visiting homeless shelters and sharing my testimony. Pray that the lord will open doors all across this great nation.

Thank you for all that you do to make this ministry possible.

Daniel Whetstine

2009 Associational Emphasis

A plentiful and fruitful harvest comes only after the seeds have been sown. In this new century of existence, the local Baptist Association stands ready to assist your church and its members with resources, training, and strategies to sow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Live with Urgency! Sow now for the harvest to come.

With more than 1,200 associations throughout North America, associations are living proof that Southern Baptists can always be counted on to rise to a challenge. They are not content to wait for someone else to solve problems. Throughout Baptist history, associations have been an essential link uniting churches for the cause of missions.

Associations are composed of churches, and churches are composed of lay people with a variety of spiritual gifts. That means you are the association and God's agent for His gift of eternal life through faith in Christ.

Your Baptist association-it's active in your community today.

PROPOSED BUDGET
2009-2010

	2008-2009	2009-2010
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 11,000.00	$ 8,207.00
Retirement	4,800.00	6,000.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,200.00	4,100.00
Housing Allowance	5,607.00	6,500.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	18,150.00	18,150.00
Insurance	5,675.00	6,765.00
Retirement	2,858.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	200.00	200.00
Sunday School/VBS	100.00	100.00
Bible Drill	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	700.00	700.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	2,500.00	1,200.00
Mountain Outreach Campground	700.00	700.00
Veterans Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
Special Events:		
Pastors' Christmas Supper	600.00	650.00
Senior Adult Rally	500.00	500.00
Annual Meeting	200.00	300.00
Youth Events	700.00	500.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops (Director - $500 Secretary - $200)	700.00	700.00
Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	1,250.00	1,250.00
Secretary	1,390.00	1,390.00

Treasurer's Honorarium	900.00	1,000.00
Telephone Internet	1,000.00 600.00	1,000.00 600.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,500.00	3,500.00
Postage	1,200.00	700.00
Electricity	1,700.00	1,700.00
Minute Books' Expense	400.00	0
Property Insurance	1,100.00	1,100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	300.00
(continued)	2008-2009	2009-2010
Flowers/Memorials	100.00	150.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	700.00	700.00
Savings for Office Equipment	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 74,630.00	$ 74,275.00
Budget & Finance Committee		
Fleet Hensley Rev. Mark McKinney Sondra Stewart, Treasurer Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions		

TREASURER'S REPORT
4th Quarter and
Twelve months ending, July 31, 2009

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Balance 04-30-09			$ 9,608.88
Designated Income:			
Adjust. to year-end cash	($0.01)		
Savings			749.99
Church Contributions	20,316.54		70,728.89
Community Missions			5,883.75
Hispanic Ministry	116.82		872.11
Minute Book Fund	90.00		809.50
Miscellaneous Income			5,328.32
Sales Tax Refund	109.00		333.57
Youth Fund: Rally	800.00		800.00
Total Income	$ 21,432.35		$ 85,506.13
Designated Expenses:			
Community Missions		$ 550.00	$ 9,266.10
Equipment Savings		150.00	$ 1,300.00
Evangelism Account		891.91	891.91
Hispanic Ministry		116.82	872.11
Minute Books		0	1,250.58
Mountain Outreach Campground		174.99	699.96
Prison Ministry		674.99	2,549.96
Senior Adult Rally		569.29	569.29
Annual Meeting		0	446.76
Pastors' Christmas Dinner		0	537.00
Veterans' Ministry		300.00	1,350.00
Bible Drill		19.49	104.60
Building and Grounds		238.00	480.43
Property Insurance		0	1,075.00

(continued)	4th Qtr. Inc.	4th Qtr. Exp.	Year-to-date
Electricity		200.08	1,485.77
Internet		145.50	582.00
Miscellaneous		118.20	5,179.91
Office Expenses		640.73	2,659.57
Postage		373.64	2,273.86
Telephone		231.70	933.76
Conferences, Conventions		50.00	700.00
WMU		100.00	128.39
Treasurer's Honorarium		350.00	900.00
DOM Salary & Social Security Allowance		3,062.49	10,925.01
Travel Expense		550.02	2,200.05
Housing		1,401.75	5,607.00
Retirement		1,407.15	5,007.15
Christmas Bonus		0	600.00
Insurance (reimbursed)		0	500.96
Secretary Salary & SS Allowance		3,374.34	13,497.36
Medical Insurance		1,877.13	6,481.57
Retirement		578.25	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Tax:			
Federal		1,227.56	6,230.29
State		306.00	1,494.00
Youth Fund: Rally		800.00	800.00
Total Expenses		$ 20,480.03	$ 92,393.35
Total Income-expenses		$ 952.32	$ (6,887.22)
Ending Balance 7-31-09			$ 10,561.20
Savings Account Balance			$ 3,485.07
Sondra Stewart, Treasurer			

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year Ending, July 31, 2009

Church	May-July	Aug-Apr	Totals
Altapass	$ 1,655.00	$ 4,242.00	$ 5,897.00
Bakersville	0	0	0
Bear Creek	1,650.00	4,950.00	6,600.00
Beaver Creek	597.73	1,797.45	2,395.18
Berry Chapel	1,359.00	4,296.00	5,655.00
Big Crabtree	63.00	518.00	581.00
Big Rock Creek	50.00	200.00	250.00
Black Mountain	271.42	705.35	976.77
Calvary	393.10	1,213.28	1,606.38
Cane Creek	225.00	675.00	900.00
Central	0	555.67	555.67
Chestnut Grove	40.00	312.50	352.50
Crabtree Chapel	944.55	1,490.37	2,434.92
Fork Mountain	250.00	830.00	1,080.00
Freedom	458.96	1,564.83	2,023.79
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	900.00	3,000.00	3,900.00
Ledger	1,008.04	355.42	1,363.46
Liberty Hill	600.00	1,775.00	2,375.00
Lily Branch	752.56	1,990.56	2,743.12
Little Rock Creek	576.01	2,004.94	2,580.95
McKinney Cove	200.00	900.00	1,100.00
Mine Creek	761.70	829.79	1,591.49
Mount Carmel	631.71	1,780.95	2,412.66
Pine Branch	2,467.91	3,021.17	5,489.08
Rebels Creek	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	2,142.61	5,777.49	7,920.10
Silver Chapel	824.18	2,342.90	3,167.08
Snow Hill	417.77	1,530.09	1,947.86
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine, First	500.00	0	500.00
Toecane	0	300.00	300.00
Western Carolina	0	0	0
White Oak	276.29	553.59	829.88
Wilderness Hisp.	0	0	0
Totals	$ 20,316.54	$ 50,412.35	$ 70,728.89

DEATHS

ALTAPASS: Ms. Janet Amodio, Ms. Maude Byrd, Ms. Jackie Biddix, Ms. Carolyn Medford

BAKERSVILLE: Mr. Sonny Bowman, Mr. Rex Byrd, Mrs. Mary Graham, Mr. Ned Geene, Mr. Sherrill Hoilman, Mr. Cecil Pittman, Mrs. Betty Rector, Mr. James Williams

BEAR CREEK: Mrs. Myrtle G. Sparks, Mrs. Jessie McKinney, Mr. Dustin Cook, Mr. Durl Pittman, Mrs. Ruby Gouge, Mrs. Irene Rowland, Mr. Dean Buchanan, Mrs. Anita McGee, Mrs. Doris Waldroup, Mrs. Barbara Boyd

BEAVER CREEK: Mr. Edward Stamey, Mrs. Alma Thomas, Mr. Mark Silvers, Ms. Versie Pendley

BERRY CHAPEL: Mrs. Lucille Hollifield, Mr. Ray Young (deacon), Mr. Chet Greene, Mrs. Sandy Hall, Mrs. Frances Duncan, Mrs. Edna Grabowski, Mr. Tim Buchanan, Mr. Carl Buchanan

BIG CRABTREE: Mr. Homer Ledford, Mr. Jay Willis, Jr.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Ms. Bonnie Parsley, Mr. LaRue McKinney

CENTRAL: Mrs. Peggy Ruth, Ms. Millie Hoffman

CRABTREE CHAPEL: Mr. Robert Ollis, Mr. Masil Howell, Mrs. Marie Huskins

FREEDOM: Ms. Kate Pritchard, Ms. Reva Buchanan

GRASSY CREEK: Ms. Linda Stevenson, Mr. Ray Collis, Ms. Peggy Green, Mrs. Louise Snipes, Ms. Betty Ollis, Mr. Jennings Hefner

LIBERTY HILL: Ms. Jennie Griffith, Ms. Brenda McKinney, Mr. Eddie McGee, Mrs. Gladys Bartlett, Mr. Larry Hoyle, Mrs. Daisy Young, Ms. Helen Cox, Ms. Jane Acuff, Mrs. Ruth Cox

LILY BRANCH: Mrs. Zella Geouge, Mrs. Evelyn Gortney

LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Mr. Don Albers

MINE CREEK: Mr. Roger Hoilman, Mr. Buster Grindstaff

PINE BRANCH: Mrs. Phyllis Sullins, Mrs. Glennie Arrowood, Ms. Ilene Sparks, Ms. Edith Cook

ROAN MOUNTAIN: Miss Ruby Burleson, Mr. Phillip Buchanan

SILVER CHAPEL: Mr. Frank Burleson, Mrs. Irene Buchanan

SNOW HILL: Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Darrin Willis, Mrs. Ora B. Schafer, Mrs. Hazel Grindstaff, Mrs. Alma Tolley, Rev. Gerold Grindstaff (pastor), Mr. Lewis Turbyfill (deacon)

SPRING CREEK: Ms. Mae Moffitt, Mr. Jay Moffitt, Mr. Luther Street, Mr. Ollie Birchfield

SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Mr. Harold VanOstrand, Mrs. VoHammie Johnson, Mrs. Tommye Edwards, Mr. Kyle Thompson, Mr. Doyle Gunter, Dr. Keith Bryson, Mrs. Fay Duncan, Mrs. Charlie Mae Sproles

WESTERN CAROLINA: Ms. Hazel Pendley

WHITE OAK: Mr. Bob Michaels

PASTORS

ALTAPASS: Steve Sisk, 94 Altapass Trail, Spruce Pine
BAKERSVILLE: Bill Stewart, 333 Swiss Pine Lake Dr., Spruce Pine
BEAR CREEK: Chris Rathbone, 327 Bear Creek Church Rd., Baksv.
BEAVER CREEK: Jason Kritz, 115 Davenport Rd., Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Harold Grindstaff, 656 Water St., Bakersville
BIG CRABTREE: Mike Rathbone, 388 Cliff Buchanan Rd., S.Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: William Ellis, 70 Amber Mtn. Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Doug Phillips, 53 Half Timber Dr., Marion
CALVARY: Jay Orr, P.O. Box 475, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Lonnie McClellan, 1948 Brushy Creek Rd., S. Pine
CENTRAL: Jim Sutton, 660 Halltown Rd., Spruce Pine
CHESTNUT GROVE: Interim - Joe Miller, P.O. Box 464, Little Switzerland
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Fred Proctor, 7854 E. US Hwy. 19E, S. Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Jude Hughes, 535 Teaberry Rd., Roan Mtn.. TN
FREEDOM:
FRIENDSHIP: Bob McKinney, P.O. Box 893, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Matthew Mills, P.O. Box 958, Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Shane Buchanan, 1496 Slagle Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: David Philbeck, 20 Frosted Lane, Burnsville
LILY BRANCH:
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Dallas Renfro, 160 Rabbit Hop Rd., S. Pine
McKINNEY COVE: Don Stafford, 287 Loggy Hollow Rd., Bak.
MINE CREEK: Kenneth Murphy, P.O. Box 1031, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Nathan Silver, 195 Gouges Creek Rd., S. Pine
PINE BRANCH: Steve Williams, 1323 Wing Road, Bakersville
REBELS CREEK: G.E. Freeman, 361 Coxes Creek Rd., Burnsville
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mark McKinney, P.O. Box 486, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jonathan Thacker, 488 Vance Farm Rd., S. Pine
SNOW HILL: Dean Honeycutt, 2609 Henson Creek Rd., Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Robert McCurry, 13600 Hwy. 226 N., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Vess, 110 Mtn. Breeze Dr., S. Pine
TOECANE: Sherrill Whitson, 1329 Roses Branch Rd., Bakersville
WESTERN CAROLINA: Randy Bonner, 90 Thomas Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Don Ford, 132 Sunny Field Dr., Spruce Pine
WILDERNESS HISPANIC: Charles Alonso, P.O. Box 132, S. Pine

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

ALTAPASS: Gregg Henline, 106 Harris Street, Spruce Pine
BAKERSVILLE: Phillip Lord, 5590 NC 261, Bakersville
BEAR CREEK: Danny Willis, 525 Mar-ter-dan Ridge, Marion
BEAVER CREEK: Samuel Swann, 57 Swann Lane, Spruce Pine
BERRY CHAPEL: Kenny Burleson, 265 Jakes Branch Rd., S. Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Bryan Burleson, 41 Towhee Lane, Burnsville
BIG ROCK CREEK: Sammy Garland, 1393 Rockdale Rd., Bakersville
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Thomas T. Glenn, 2234 Halltown Rd., S. Pine
CALVARY: Jack Staton, P.O. Box 187, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Ralph Snyder, 116 Snyder Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: James Owings, 291 Pond Rd., Spruce Pine
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Richard McKinney, 65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine
FORK MOUNTAIN: Matthew Hurd, 2683 Beans Creek Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Sanford Hughes, 212 Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine
GRASSY CREEK: David Shuford, 687 Dale Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Chuck Greene, 1183 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville
LIBERTY HILL: J.C. Williams, 7178 Crabtree Rd., Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Amelia Ledford, 2516 Slagle Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Richard Ledford, 48 Green Creek Rd. Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Todd Ayers, 1879 McKinney Cove Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Bobby Buchanan, 150 Pitman Rd., Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Darrell Young, P.O. Box 966, Spruce Pine
PINE BRANCH: Dale Blevins, 38 Hillcrest Circle, Spruce Pine
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mike Silver, 600 Young Cove Rd., Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Jack Buchanan, 189 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Steve Howell, 375 Wilson Rd., Bakersville
SPRING CREEK: Farrell Ollis, 411 Blevins Branch Rd., Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Paul Pritchard, 1535 Brushy Creek Rd., S. Pine
TOECANE: John Laws, 674 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
WESTERN CAROLINA: Chris Renfro, 190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Steve Carpenter, 1943 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

CHURCH CLERKS

ALTAPASS: Lois Matthews, 488 Vance Farm Rd., Spruce Pine
BAKERSVILLE: Linda Arrowood, 137 Hughes Rd., Bakersville
BEAR CREEK: Nora Nell Jarrett, 4680 Hwy. 226 South, Bakersville
BEAVER CREEK: Beulah Burleson, 614 Beaver Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

BERRY CHAPEL: Judy Greer, 140 Hill St., Spruce Pine
BIG CRABTREE: Patti Franklin, P.O. Box 712, Spruce Pine
BIG ROCK CREEK: Katelyn George, 497 Pine Root Branch Rd., Bakersville.
BLACK MOUNTAIN: Carolyn M. Glenn, P.O. Box 204, Little Switzerland
CALVARY: Lisa Bailey, P.O. Box 197, Bakersville
CANE CREEK: Marion Buchanan, 4801 Cane Creek Rd., Bakersville
CENTRAL: Stacie Sparks, 54 Twin Oaks Ln., Spruce Pine
CHESTNUT GROVE: Hilda Hollifield, P.O. Box 369, Little Switzerland
CRABTREE CHAPEL: Kim Young, 37 Granny Young Lane, Burnsville
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rebecca Clemons, 8 Northside Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Carolyn Sparks, 19 Oak Ridge Dr., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Eloise Ledford, P.O. Box 242, Bakersville
GRASSY CREEK: Pam Williams, 1679 Dale Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Debra Barnette, 25 Howell Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Ruby Putman, 94 D&D Lane, Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Jackie Thomas, 3416 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rosa Edwards, 184 Snowdrift Dr., Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Beth Hinson, 361 Gouge Rd., Bakersville
MINE CREEK: Debra Buchanan, P.O. Box 168, Bakersville
MOUNT CARMEL: Rebecca Fortner, P.O. Box 807, Spruce Pine
PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
REBELS CREEK: Joyce Edwards, 111 Rebels Creek Rd., Bakersville
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Nell Young, P.O. Box 31, Bakersville
SILVER CHAPEL: Linda Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Wilma Carlisle, 61 Ulysses Young Way, Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Elizabeth Butler, 62 Butler Lane, Bakersville
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Donna Hollifield, 596 English Rd., Spruce Pine
TOECANE: Mary Crowder, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
WHITE OAK: Angie Burleson, 324 Blackberry Lane, Bakersville

ZIP CODES

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Roan Mountain, TN	37687

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford
2005	Altapass/Calvary	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Don Stafford/Steve Williams
2006	Grassy Creek/Central	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Matthew Mills/Nathan Silver
2007	Bear Creek/Big Rock Creek	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Daniel Whetstine/Harold Grindstaff
2008	Roan Mountain/Snow Hill	David Philbeck	Judy Greer	Jude Hughes/Dean Honeycutt
2009	Pine Branch/Friendship	David Philbeck	Judy Greer	Chris Rathbone/Gene Self

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2005 Minutes

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 10-Church-Type Missions Operating. 12-Assoc. Mission on % Basis
7-Year Pastor Came 9-Church-Type Missions Started 11-Lost/Unchurched 13-Intercessory Prayer

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Altapass	1925	1987	185	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bakersville	1869	2002	-	-	-	-	No	No
Bear Creek	1830	2001	300	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beaver Creek	1906	2009	65	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berry Chapel	1934	2009	165	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Crabtree	1925	2009	75	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Rock Creek	1849	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	1882	2008	20	-	-	-	No	No
Calvary	1949	2006	55	-	-	-	No	No
Cane Creek	1867	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	1932	2002	-	-	-	-	No	-
Chestnut Grove	1923		-	-	-	-	No	-
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1996	64	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fork Mountain	1861	2007	28	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Freedom	1988		72	-	-	-	No	Yes
Friendship	1997	1997	38	-	-	No	No	No
Grassy Creek	1818	2002	180	-	-	Yes	No	Yes

Ledger	1953	2004	40	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Liberty Hill	1866	2004	125	-	-	-	No	No
Lily Branch	1859	2003	55	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Rock Creek	1884	1997	40	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
McKinney Cove	1888	2009	58	-	-	-	No	Yes
Mine Creek	1849	1997	88	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	55	-	-	-	No	No
Pine Branch	1921	2000	245	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rebels Creek	1915	2006	-	-	-	-	No	-
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	110	-	-	-	Yes	No
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Hill	1915	2009	46	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	1916	1975	100	-	-	-	No	No
Spruce Pine, First	1908	1998	295	-	-	Yes	No	Yes
Toecane	1916	2003	-	-	-	-	No	No
Western Carolina	2000	2000	90	-	1	Yes	No	No
White Oak	1884	2007	38	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilderness Hispan.	2000	1998	50	-	-	Yes	No	Yes
Assoc. Totals	-	-	2,547	0	1	-	-	-

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership 3-Total Baptisms 3b-(6-8) 3d-(12-17) 3f-(30-59) 4-Other Additions
2-Resident Members 3a-(Birth-5) 3c-(9-11) 3e-(18-29) 3g-(60-Up)

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4
Altapass	325	300	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Bakersville	140	122	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Bear Creek	748	640	14	1	7	3	2	0	1	0	13
Beaver Creek	249	181	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Berry Chapel	549	354	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	13
Big Crabtree	237	228	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	44	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Calvary	160	70	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	295	205	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2
Chestnut Grove	125	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crabtree Chapel	226	226	7	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0
Fork Mountain	64	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	220	220	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Friendship	104	40	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	553	440	5	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	12
Ledger	105	82	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Liberty Hill	325	191	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	4
Lily Branch	210	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Little Rock Creek	72	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
McKinney Cove	159	107	8	0	1	1	4	0	2	0	6
Mine Creek	180	176	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Mount Carmel	320	89	15	0	0	2	7	2	4	0	4
Pine Branch	593	505	8	0	5	1	0	1	1	0	4
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	229	165	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Silver Chapel	82	56	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	234	215	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Creek	190	140	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	635	450	12	0	4	3	2	0	3	0	-
Toecane	40	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	95	95	8	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	20
White Oak	130	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wilderness Hispanic	54	54	10	0	1	0	1	5	3	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7689	5759	124	1	26	26	28	20	21	2	110

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

14-Total S.S. Enrol. 14b-(6-11) 14d-(18-24) 14-f(35-54) 14h-(65-up) 15-Other Bible Study 17 - VBS
14a-(Birth-5) 14c-(12-17) 14e-(25-34) 14-g(55-64) 14i-Gen. Officers 16 - Avg. Sunday School Att.

Congregation	14	14a	14b	14c	14d	14e	14f	14g	14h	14i	15	16	17
Altapass	108	16	18	10	4	9	8	24	16	3	0	88	133
Bakersville	60	5	6	1	3	4	6	5	28	2	0	40	65
Bear Creek	279	22	20	13	16	21	63	52	52	20	0	203	201
Beaver Creek	52	3	2	-	-	4	7	3	30	3	0	48	35
Berry Chapel	133	9	9	15	4	6	18	20	40	4	8	98	164
Big Crabtree	60	3	8	7	2	11	4	4	6	-	15	55	60
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	15	2	2	2	1	3	3	-	2	-	0	15	0
Calvary	62	6	3	2	4	7	14	10	16	-	0	50	25
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	132	4	22	25	14	15	32	-	17	3	0	62	45
Chestnut Grove	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	0
Crabtree Chapel	55	2	7	3	2	3	14	10	10	4	0	45	52
Fork Mountain	15	-	3	-	-	1	3	2	6	-	0	15	0
Freedom	79	3	7	2	10	12	15	14	12	4	0	62	61
Friendship	42	1	1	-	-	-	3	24	7	6	0	36	0
Grassy Creek	132	18	10	14	5	36	10	29	8	2	0	93	110
Ledger	57	3	4	3	7	11	18	6	5	-	0	40	65
Liberty Hill	159	12	14	9	13	27	24	23	30	7	0	101	66
Lily Branch	49	-	5	10	1	1	7	10	14	1	0	28	26
Little Rock Creek	45	3	2	2	2	5	9	10	12	-	0	35	40
McKinney Cove	69	5	10	7	1	10	16	9	9	2	0	48	72

Mine Creek	153	4	11	22	8	18	25	40	21	4	0	55	80
Mount Carmel	90	6	5	9	4	8	10	13	31	4	0	57	79
Pine Branch	234	12	15	17	20	25	50	48	30	7	10	122	125
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	104	3	8	6	8	3	25	15	33	3	0	71	58
Silver Chapel	57	4	5	4	2	9	4	7	21	1	0	36	42
Snow Hill	93	7	5	-	-	10	20	25	7	4	15	45	60
Spring Creek	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce Pine, First	360	6	34	35	25	25	75	60	65	5	30	200	100
Toecane	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	0
Western Carolina	109	5	7	12	10	18	32	20	2	3	0	45	32
White Oak	35	1	4	1	4	2	5	8	8	2	0	30	0
Wilderness Hispanic	74	9	8	9	5	10	8	3	2	-	20	35	85
Assoc. Totals	3019	174	255	240	175	314	528	494	540	94	98	1964	1881

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

25-Undes. Gifts 27-Other Receipts 29-Assoc. Miss 31-Annie Armstrong 33-Other SBC Missions Exp.
26-Desig. Gifts 28-Co-op Program 30-State Miss 32-Lottie Moon 34-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Altapass	$ 238,079	17,197	-	12,342	5,897	-	-	2,964	8,134	25,046
Bakersville	-	-	-	3,456	-	-	-	360	-	3,545
Bear Creek	356,223	30,533	-	26,000	6,600	3,000	4,500	25,355	5,750	58,298
Beaver Creek	59,745	10,270	-	2,997	2,395	2,997	1,512	1,433	760	1,311
Berry Chapel	194,182	833	4,860	16,344	5,655	125	428	1,166	357	11,514
Big Crabtree	34,072	10,662	-	-	581	-	-	-	-	-
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	19,524	-	-	174	977	1,488	102	341	744	1,600
Calvary	-	-	-	-	1,606	-	-	1,200	-	-
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	900	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-	6,541	556	2,616	-	1,308	-	5,566
Chestnut Grove	-	-	-	152	353	1,800	-	340	3,340	4,900
Crabtree Chapel	65,202	3,509	-	2,953	2,435	392	-	162	-	14,497
Fork Mountain	28,200	5,400	-	-	1,080	-	300	200	100	314
Freedom	109,474	9,894	-	420	2,024	3,994	2,121	3,101	4,294	28,765
Friendship	-	-	-	-	600	150	-	-	500	600
Grassy Creek	252,575	96,687	-	2,000	3,900	-	3,500	3,500	10,120	13,495
Ledger	55,157	1,126	580	1,200	1,363	-	320	485	321	200
Liberty Hill	135,572	2,631	-	3,000	2,375	2,180	1,642	1,937	303	-
Lily Branch	90,606	12,158	-	4,549	2,743	2,785	2,997	3,923	4,116	10,799
Little Rock Creek	60,577	4,543	-	-	2,581	1,350	800	1,010	-	4,631
McKinney Cove	73,779	2,012	-	1,200	1,100	467	1,000	1,165	200	6,950
Mine Creek	89,570	79,574	9,996	-	1,591	815	690	1,633	-	-

Mount Carmel	75,633	8,444	3,649	4,073	2,413	3,215	291	657	-	3,933
Pine Branch	243,004	66,842	11,826	25,217	5,489	833	985	12,000	3,472	3,000
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	171,052	34,931	281	14,211	7,920	743	2,033	2,374	-	24,660
Silver Chapel	52,000	17,000	-	1,600	3,167	2,400	1,355	1,697	-	2,300
Snow Hill	72,490	2,560	-	4,545	1,948	4,545	400	500	500	900
Spring Creek	61,883	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-	4,440
Spruce Pine, First	330,000	50,000	25,000	23,000	500	13,000	1,800	1,800	5,000	7,000
Toecane	7,800	6,210	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-
Western Carolina	81,000	-	-	450	-	-	-	-	-	2,400
White Oak	53,076	-	-	1,345	830	-	858	1,236	1,458	6,075
WildernessHispanic	11,300	3,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200
Assoc. Totals $	3,021,775	476,316	56,192	157,769	70,729	48,895	27,634	71,847	49,469	253,939

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:
22-Tot. WMU Enroll 22b-(6-11) 22d-(18-Up) 22f-WMU Missions 23-Tot. Bro. Enroll 23c-(18-up)
22a-(Birth-5) 22c-(12-17) 22e-WMU Lead Team 23a-(6-11) 23d - Mission
23b-(12-17) Action Groups

Congregation	22	22a	22b	22c	22d	22e	22f	23	23a	23b	23c	23d
Altapass	20	2	6	3	2	2	5	28	3	4	2	0
Bear Creek	31	0	0	0	20	5	6	15	0	0	15	80
Beaver Creek	7	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	15	0	0	0	13	2	0	12	0	0	12	0
Central	25	0	0	0	23	2	0	10	0	0	10	0
Crabtree Chapel	11	0	0	0	10	1	0	6	0	0	6	0
Freedom	15	0	0	0	12	2	1	10	0	0	10	0
Grassy Creek	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	26	0	0	0	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lily Branch	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rock Creek	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	17	1	6	4	6	0	0	17	9	6	2	0
Mine Creek	54	1	4	2	23	4	20	32	10	14	3	0
Mount Carmel	25	0	0	2	19	4	0	19	0	0	19	0
Pine Branch	27	5	12	0	10	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	15	0	0	15	0
Snow Hill	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	14	0	2	12	0
Spruce Pine, First	187	5	4	8	18	2	150	68	10	11	43	2
Western Carolina	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	522	14	32	19	247	28	182	252	38	37	149	82

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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Director of Missions ..... Rev. Daniel Whetstine
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Moderator ..... Rev. Matthew Mills
50 McRae Court, Spruce Pine

Vice-Moderator ..... Rev. Dean Honeycutt
2609 Henson Creek Rd., Newland

Clerk ..... Judy Greer
140 Hill St., Spruce Pine

Treasurer ..... Sondra Stewart
461 Lower Hanging Rock Rd., Spruce Pine

Historian ..... Buster Sparks
251 Ledger School Rd., Bakersville

Sunday School Director ..... Richard McKinney
65 Duncan St., Spruce Pine

Baptist Men's Director/Disaster Relief ..... Rev. Don Ford
132 Sunny Field, Dr., Spruce Pine

WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green-Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville

Church Music Director .....

Evangelism Chairman ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
195 Gouges Creek Rd.

Bible Drill Director ..... Martha Burleson
154 Duncan Dr., Bakersville

WMU DIRECTORY

WMU Director ..... Marlene Ayers
1302 Green-Young Cemetery Rd., Bakersville

Assistant Director ..... Debra Buchanan
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President ..... Rev. Greg Burnette
1003 McKinney Mine Rd., Spruce Pine
Vice-President/Treasurer ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
415 Bob Taylor Rd., Newland

COMMITTEES FOR THE 2010-2011 SESSION

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Sid Pitman
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Lloyd Laws
Term Expiring 2013 ..... Travis Buchanan

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Nathan Silver
..... Rev. Harold Grindstaff
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
..... Rev. Don Stafford
Term Expiring 2013 ..... Rev. Fred Proctor
..... Rev. Steve Sisk

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Linda Buchanan
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. Jay Orr
Term Expiring 2013 .....

ORDINATION EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. B.G. McMahan
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. G.E. Freeman
Term Expiring 2013 ..... Rev. Steve Williams
Plus the Moderator, the Director of Missions, and the Candidate's pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Dallas Renfro
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Sam Swann
Term Expiring 2013 ..... Sid Pitman

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Rev. Mark McKinney
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Rev. William Ellis
Term Expiring 2013 .....

Central

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Larry Cate
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Geraldine Ellis
Term Expiring 2013 ..... Rev. Dean Honeycutt

South

Term Expiring 2011 ..... Toby Crowder
Term Expiring 2012 ..... Carolyn Glenn
Term Expiring 2013 ..... Rev. Joe Miller

SERMONS FOR 2011SESSIONS

Monday ..... Rev. Don Ford
Tuesday ..... Rev. Shane Buchanan

TRUSTEES

Lee Sparks, Alvin Livingston, Walter Hoyle, Windle Young

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 2011: Rev. Joe Miller, Rev. Don Stafford, Rev. Toby Crowder

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2011: Rev. Mark McKinney, Rev. Dallas Renfro

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER FOR 2010: Rev. Gene Self, Rev. Dean Honeycutt

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2010: Rev. Greg Burnette, Rev. Chris Rathbone

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ALTAPASS: Rev. Steve Sisk, Carol Sisk, Chuck Pendley, Augusta Gross, Cal Byrd, Sarah Hughes, Ray Saxon, Gladys Saxon, Charles Hughes, June Ward, Lois Matthews, Billy Matthews,

BEAR CREEK: Rev. Chris Rathbone, Barbara Buchanan, Marie Jarrett, Virginia Schoverling, Melba Pitman, Mamie Carpenter

BEAVER CREEK: Frank Carpenter, Beverly Murphy, Louella Polechio, Mildred Frye, Phillip Henline

BERRY CHAPEL: Rev. Harold Grindstaff, Iva Jean Grindstaff, Bill Love, Myrtle Pittman, Mary Stafford, Judy Greer, Betty Carpenter

BIG ROCK CREEK: Garland Honeycutt

CALVARY: Elden Cooke, LeElla Cooke

CHESTNUT GROVE: Rev. Greg Burnette, Betty Mace, Maud Hughes

CRABTREE CHAPEL: Charles Allen, Barbara Allen, Louise Allen, Jean Whitson, Edward Whitson, Richard McKinney

FORK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Jude Hughes, Charles Huskins

FREEDOM: Charles McClellan, Elizabeth McClellan, Wade Woody, Rosa Lee Woody, Hattie Buchanan, Rev. Vernon Buchanan

FRIENDSHIP: Rev. Bobby McKinney, Gail McKinney, Marvin Stamey, Kathy Stamey

GRASSY CREEK: Rev. Matt Mills, Gene Self, Jerry Hodge, Peggy Hodge

LIBERTY HILL: Rev. B.G. McMahan, Mildred McMahan, Gladys Pittman, Elsie McKinney, Travis Buchanan, Mitzi Buchanan

LILY BRANCH: Rev. Toby Crowder, Jackie Thomas, Dorothy Grindstaff, Kathleen Hall

LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rev. Dallas Renfro

McKINNEY COVE: Rev. Don Stafford, Mary Stafford, Marlene Ayers, Johnny Ayers

MINE CREEK: Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Debra Buchanan, Jean Saylor, Jim Saylor, Larry Cate, Helen Cate, Bill Pitman

MOUNT CARMEL: Rev. Nathan Silver, Avery Buchanan, Margaret Buchanan

PINE BRANCH: Susie Buchanan, Natalie Pendley, Shirley Hoilman

REBELS CREEK: Rev. G.E. Freeman, Barbara Freeman, Buddy Murdock, Regina Murdock

ROAN MOUNTAIN: Rev. Mark McKinney, Kevin McKinney, Jerry McMahan, Vance McKinney

SILVER CHAPEL: Linda Yelton, Bernice Howell

SNOW HILL: Rev. Dean Honeycutt, Wes Brewer, Jerry Pitman, Morris

Burleson
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: David Thayer, Ann Thayer, Angie Duncan, Ann Schortinghouse, Jay Daugherty
TIPTON HILL: Rev. Joe Miller
TOECANE: Rev. Sherrill Whitson
WHITE OAK: Rev. Don Ford, Deborah Ford, Jesse Hoilman, Jr., Linda Hoilman, Marcella Bailey

CONSTITUTION
MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "Mitchell Baptist Association, Incorporated."

OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the Gospel to all the people of this Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in giving the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: First, the officers of the Association; Second, Pastors of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Association; Third, Messengers elected by the churches affiliated with the Association. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members beyond the first one-hundred members.

OFFICERS

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian. All these shall be elected by the Association in its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Article 4A. Director of Missions. His selection shall be upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and on vote by the Association in its annual meeting or, between sessions of the Association, by its Executive Committee. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all committees and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Associational leaders shall be composed of the Moderator who shall be Chairman, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Discipleship Training Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational WMU Director, all pastors of churches in the Association, provided they hold membership in some church cooperating with the North Carolina Baptist Convention and all duly elected messengers from each church.

The church shall be requested to include the names and addresses of its elected messengers in its annual report to the Association.

The Association shall hold one Mid-Year Meeting and one Annual Meeting as agreed upon by the body and in case of emergency a called meeting may be held provided notices shall be sent to each member stating the purpose of the meeting and date.

The Secretary shall notify all members in advance advising them of the time and place of meetings.

Article 5B. A Budget and Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of six lay persons and three pastors with no church having more than one member. Their terms of service shall be for three years with three members rotating off each year.

The Nominating Committee shall include in their report each year the names of three persons for membership on the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee will elect their own chairperson.

The Moderator, Treasurer, and Director of Missions shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive individual budget requests from department directors and committee chairpersons, and prepare annually a proposed budget adequate to meet the needs in light of anticipated contributions from the churches.

This committee shall publish the proposed budget sixty days prior to the annual meeting, and seek opportunities to promote the proposed budget in the churches.

Once the budget has been adopted, the committee will be available to advise the treasurer regarding disbursements, especially when "Cash on Deposit" makes it necessary to give priority to certain line items in the budget.

Article 5C. Missions Committee

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The duties of this committee are:

1. To work with the Director of Missions and serve as the mediator

between him and the Association.

2. To work with local churches or groups contemplating the establishment of new work and/or missions.

3. To promote the missionary and extension work of the Association.

Article 5E. The Associational officers shall be non-voting members. Each church shall have 2 votes and only 2 votes. Any pastor who serves more than one church shall vote with all churches he pastors.

MEETINGS

Article 6. The Association shall meet twice each year in February and August (Monday & Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August.) Each church shall prepare its profile to the Association and forward the same to the Clerk at least two weeks before the August meeting of the Association. The Moderator may change the time of the meeting of the Association if good and sufficient reason therefore shall occur.

VACANCIES

Article 7. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in this organization between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of the Association. Provided that notice of such amendment be given on the first day and the vote taken at the second day's session.

BY-LAWS

1. Any church desiring admission into the fellowship of this body shall make application not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association, and shall submit evidence of orthodoxy in faith and practice, and be ready to give any further information required by the committee.

Recommendations shall be made at the first session of the Association to make further investigation as to the desirability of admitting church making application. On the admission of this applicant, when the vote is favorable, the messengers shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

2. Any church being shown to have departed from the doctrines or practices recognized by this Association may be suspended or excluded from the Association at any regular meeting by a majority of the messengers present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MITCHELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Liberty Hill Baptist Church
August 23, 2010 3:30 P.M.

1. The 162nd Annual Session of the Mitchell Baptist Association met on Monday afternoon, August 23, 2010, 3:30 p.m. at Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Matt Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

2. The congregation sang the hymn, "Crown Him With Many Crowns," and the chorus of "He Is Lord," led by our Associational Music Director, David Thayer, and accompanied by Patty Ferguson.

3. Rev. B.G. McMahan, Interim Pastor of Liberty Hill, gave a welcome to the messengers and visitors, and opened the session with prayer.

4. The Order of Business Report was given by Rev. Chris Rathbone, Chairman of the Order of Business Committee. Rev. Rathbone made the motion to accept the program for the 2010 Annual Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Judy Greer, Associational Clerk, gave the roll call of churches. Twenty-five churches were represented at this time. (See Messengers to Association for names of churches and messengers.) Registration cards were handed out.

6. Our Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report. He called attention to his written report in the Book of Reports. He gave information on his Veterans' Ministry, on our Prison Ministry and on Operation-In-As-Much.

Rev. Whetstine commented on some of the statistics that had come in at this time. Sunday School attendance is down, and statistics show that only 38% of our total church membership attend worship service.

Two Sunday School events are being planned. A Sunday School Convention in the fall and a Sunday School Growth Campaign in 2011. Guest speaker for this will be Elmer Townes, who is called "Mr. Sunday School." A High Attendance Day will be observed the last Sunday in October.

Our director reported that the financial giving was down for the

association. He asked that the churches consider giving 5% to associational missions in the coming year, or if each church could give $10 per member per year.

An associational calendar will be put together soon and will be shared with the churches.

Another event that is being planned is a guest speaker from Rutherford Institute to share with teachers and students their rights in public schools.

Our director stated that the association was in good shape spiritually.

7. The Moderator gave a time for recognitions and announcements.
– Dr. Gordon Benton from Mars Hill College introduced himself and gave information on the youth event to be held at Mars Hill College on September 25 and the senior adult event to be held in October.
– Neil Brown introduced himself and gave information on Operation-In-As-Much. He stated that on May 1, this event had 130volunteers. He gave the date for the next planning session, which was to be held on August 31.

Announcements included:
– Information on the County-Wide Singing Convention to be held on September 25-26 at Bear Creek Baptist Church.
– A Sportsman Banquet to be held at Grassy Creek Baptist Church on October 16.
– Altapass Baptist Church will sponsor Upward Basketball again this year. Applications are due in November and the games will begin in January.
– The moderator welcomed new pastors: Rev. Toby Crowder is the new pastor of Lily Branch Baptist Church.

8. The treasurer's report was presented by Sondra Stewart. The balance at the end of the associational year is $4,418.45 with a balance of $4,133.32 in our savings account. The treasurer made a motion to accept this report and the motion was seconded and approved.

Our moderator encouraged our churches to try and give more to the association.

9. The Proposed Budget for 2010-2011 was presented by Rev. Dallas Renfro. He also encouraged churches to give by percentage of their receipts to help keep the association and our programs going. The budget total for the coming year is $73,575.00 Rev. Renfro made a recommendation to accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

10. Miscellaneous business included the following:
– Rev. Don Ford gave a brief report on the Baptist Men. He reported on

the Buckets of Hope that had been sent to Haiti He also talked about the needs around the associational office. He gave information on the next Brotherhood/Baptist Men's meeting to be held at the associational office on Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
– The registration cards were taken up at this time.

11. The congregation sang the hymn, "Victory in Jesus."

12. Special music was provided by Donna Mills who sang, "Holy Ground," and "People Need the Lord."

13. Our Challenge Message was brought by Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Walls Baptist Church in Bostic, and former pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church. He read scripture from I Samuel 17:41-51 and spoke on "An Ordinary Miracle."

14. Rev. Dean Honeycutt gave our benediction and blessing on the evening meal.

Break for the evening meal

15. The evening service was called to order by Rev. Matt Mills, Moderator.

16. The congregation was led by David Thayer, in singing the hymn "The Church's One Foundation."

17. Rev. Dean Honeycutt read scripture from Psalm 118:17-29 led in the opening prayer.

18. A second roll call of the churches was given by the clerk with one additional church represented. Registration cards were handed out for those who were not present at the afternoon session.

19. A report on our local Prison Ministry was given by Rev. Don Stafford. He asked for the adoption of his written report and it was seconded and approved. He gave his time to Mike Slagle. Mike thanked everyone for their support and thanked Don for the great job he was doing. Don began his work there in 2004 on a temporary basis and has been there ever since. Matt Mills also gave information on the space that is being renovated for the chapel. This project will take $20,000 to $30,000 instead of the $200,000 to $300,000 which had been previously thought.

20. Rev. Daniel Whetstine gave information on Tipton Hill Baptist Church – a new church start – that has requested membership into Mitchell Baptist Association. Rev. Joe Miller is pastor. Rev. Whetstine asked that they be placed under the "watchcare" of the association for six months. A motion was made to accept this recommendation and it was seconded and approved.

21. A report on the Baptist Children's Homes was given by Rev. Lewis Smith, Director of Development in the Western Area.. He reported that this is the 125th anniversary of the Children's Homes. Rev. Smith gave information on the upcoming bike ride by Chris Boone from Mitchell County. Chris will ride from Murphy to Maneto on September 8-10. This is to raise money for the Children's Homes. A prayer was offered by Rev. G.E. Freeman, his pastor, for this ride.

22. The congregation sang the hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus."

23. Special music was presented by Carol Sisk. She sang, "I Believe Jesus Died for Me," and "Coming Soon."

24. Rev. Steve Sisk, pastor of Altapass Baptist Church, brought the annual sermon. He read scripture from Matthew 24:3-5, 11 and spoke on "The Greatest Danger in our Day."

25. Rev. Dallas Renfro gave directions to Little Rock Baptist Church for the next night's meeting.

26. Rev. Greg Burnette dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Little Rock Creek Baptist Church
August 24, 2010 7:00 p.m.

27. Rev. Matt Mills, Moderator, called the second night's session to order.

28. The congregation sang the hymn, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

29. David Thayer was recognized for his ten years of service as our associational music director. He was presented a plaque with words of appreciation. David has resigned this position.

30. Rev. Dallas Renfro, pastor of Little Rock Creek, gave a warm welcome to messengers and visitors and led in the opening prayer.

31. A roll call of churches was given by the clerk. Registration cards were handed out at this time. Twenty-three churches were represented.

32. Special music was presented by the Pastors' Choir. They sang, "Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand," "Just a Little Talk with Jesus," and "Amazing Grace." This was followed by the singing of a quartet made up of Rev. Dallas Renfro, Rev. Don Stafford, Rev. Kenneth Murphy and Rev. B.G. McMahan.

33. A time was given for recognitions and announcements.
– Mine Creek Baptist Church will begin revival services on September 25.
– A reminder of the Singing Convention was given.
– The Living Christmas Tree will be presented again this year by Grassy Creek Baptist Church. The dates are December 11, 12 & 13.

34. Rev. Matt Mills, called attention to the committees appointed by the Moderator for the coming year.

35. The Nominating Committee's Report was presented by Rev. Harold Grindstaff. This is a list of the officers and directors for the coming associational year. He made a recommendation that we accept this report and it was seconded and approved.

36. The election of officers began. Nominations were requested for the treasurer. A motion was made that we keep Sondra Stewart in that position. The motion was seconded and approved. Nominations for clerk were asked for. It was recommended that Judy Greer keep that position. The motion was seconded and approved.

Our moderator has served for one year and it is traditional that they serve for two years. A motion was made that we keep Matt Mills as moderator for another year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Rev. Dean Honeycutt has served as vice-moderator for one year. A motion was made that he stay in this position for another year. The motion was seconded and approved.

37. Gene Self, representing the Time, Place & Preacher Committee, announced that for the 2011 Annual Session, the first day's meeting will be held at Freedom Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, and the second night's session will be held at Lily Branch Baptist Church in Bakersville. The Annual Sermons will be brought by Rev. Don Ford, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church and Rev. Shane Buchanan, pastor of Ledger Baptist Church.

The Mid-Year Meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, at Beaver

Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Toby Crowder will bring the evening message.

38. Miscellaneous business:
– Recognized Rev. Toby Crowder as the new pastor of Lily Branch Baptist Church.
– Registration cards were taken up at this time.

39. Special music was provided by Martha Huskins. She sang, "Pocketful of Seeds," and "Nothing Greater than Grace."

40. The Annual Sermon was brought by Rev. Vernon Buchanan, interim pastor of Freedom Baptist Church. He read scripture from I Peter 2 and spoke on "The People of God."

41. Our moderator thanked Liberty Hill Baptist Church and Little Rock Creek Baptist Church for being our host churches this year. He also thanked everyone for attending the meetings.

42. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joe Miller. Special prayer request were given for Rose Carpenter and Priscilla Hanson.

Associational Mid-Year Meeting – March 1, 2010

Our Mid-Year Meeting was held at Ledger Baptist Church on Monday, March 1, 2010. The meeting was opened with the hymn "Victory in Jesus." A welcome was given by our Moderator, Rev. Matt Mills, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

Rev. Shane Buchanan, pastor of Ledger Baptist Church, read scripture from Isaiah 41:10-11 and led in the opening prayer. A roll call of the churches was given by the clerk. Thirty-four people were in attendance with 16 churches represented.

Miscellaneous business included the following:

Rev. Don Ford, Associational Baptist Men's Director, gave a report on a meeting that had been held at the Associational Office on February 18. There were 16 men in attendance with 11 churches represented. He gave information on the current project, "Hope for Haiti." Gallon buckets were filled with certain food items and will be sent to Miami, loaded on ships and sent to Haiti. One hundred twenty-three buckets had been received at this time. Don also gave information on building projects that were needed in Haiti. It will cost $2,000 to rebuild a home and $12,000 to rebuild a church.

Don also gave information on a Baptist Men's Rally that will be held at

North Asheville Baptist Church on March 23. He will be taking White Oak's bus and anyone that is interested in going needs to meet in the parking lot of Berry Chapel to be ready to leave at 5:00 p.m. The evening meal will be provided, but reservations need to be made. If you would like to go, please contact the associational office (765-9412), or Don at 765-7755.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, gave information on the heat pump at the Associational Office. After 22 years, it needs replacing. Daniel will be sending letters to our churches to give more information on a fund-raiser.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were given out. This was our report for the first half of the associational year. Judy Greer, assistant treasurer/clerk called attention to the balance which was $5,311.39. The balance in the savings account was $3,495.64. It was asked that everyone look at the Community Mission's Expense which consisted mostly of the love offering that was taken for Sue Holland.

Rev. Matt Mills, gave a report on the Prison Ministry. He reported that a space had become available at the prison for the Chapel space, and that the cost to make this an area to be used would probably cost around $30,000. He also reported that the "One Day With God" event would be done differently from now on to save on the cost. This new ministry will begin in 2011 and will be done around Father's Day. Matt also thanked the churches for their continued financial support. He said souls were still being saved.

Rev. Matt Mills gave information on the Beth Moore Live Simulcast that will be held at Grassy Creek Baptist Church on Saturday, April 24. This is a women's event and the title is "So Long, Insecurity." The time is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the cost is $10, or $16 which will include a Subway lunch. For reservations, please contact the church office at 765-4620.

The congregation was led in the hymn, "Love Lifted Me."

Neil Brown, Coordinator for our local "Operation In-As-Much," gave a report on this event. This is a day of community service for the elderly, handicapped, and those that need help. The date in our area will be Saturday, May 1. This is a good witness ministry and evangelism ministry. A planning committee will be meeting every two weeks, until May 1. The first meeting was planned for the following evening, March 2, at Bear Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Brown would like to see a team from each church involved. This event is sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Men and takes place over the entire state. It was started in 1995. In 2008, 1,000 churches were involved with 30,000 volunteers. Mr. Brown would be glad to come into any church and give you more information. Churches can also help with financial support, or helping to provide lunch on that day

to the volunteers.

Our special music was provided by the Grassy Creek Trio. They blessed us with the songs, "Holy Ground," The Solid Rock," and "The Sun's Coming Up in the Morning." Our evening message was brought by Rev. Joe Miller, interim pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. He read scripture from Luke 14:25-35, and the title of his message was "Mobilize to Evangelize."

Our Moderator thanked everyone for coming and our benediction was offered by Rev. Jason Kritz, pastor of Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

Our next meeting will be our August meetings. On August 23, 2010, our meeting will be held at Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, 3:30-8:30 p.m. On August 24, 2010, our meeting will be held at Little Rock Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Greer, Clerk

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

LaShanda is thankful. Her path to the future is brightly marked. This past year the young woman walked across the stage and received her college diploma. LaShanda dreams of operating her own day program to help adults with disabilities. Her possibilities are wide open.

LaShanda could not have imagined this future years earlier. While the path forward reveals opportunity to realize goals and dreams, the road behind her was shrouded in darkness, uncertainty and pain.

"I was filled with doubts and fears," LaShanda reveals. "I felt all hope was gone." Since age five, LaShanda suffered abuse from the adults she trusted the most. She remembers going to bed so hungry she could not rest. He past includes a drug-addicted mother, the inappropriate advances of an adoptive parent, and feelings of being unloved and abandoned.

The darkness dissipated once LaShanda came to Baptist Children's Homes. At Mills Home in Thomasville, Christian houseparents showed her the love and care she needed. Most importantly it's through BCH's Christ-centered ministry that LaShanda encountered God. Her relationship with Jesus empowered LaShanda to put the past behind her and forge ahead towards a bright future.

Today, LaShanda is active in her church leading the praise team and serving as a youth leader. She is grateful to North Carolina Baptists for their unwavering support and to BCH where she embraced a loving Savior.

"I am thankful to everyone for believing in me and for letting their love shine," LaShanda says. "Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for giving me a future."

BCH Celebrates 125th Anniversary. . . Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina observes its 125th anniversary, or "Quasquicentennial," on November 11, 2010. In preparation for the historic occasion, BCH president Michael C. Blackwell formed the "Committee of 20," a group of staff members and trustees leading a year-long celebration of events to commemorate BCH's milestone in ministry. All current residents and all staff from BCH's statewide locations gathered together on June 15 for "Family Gathering 3," a celebratory day at Mills Home in Thomasville, the organization's first residential campus. Anniversary events culminate the week of the 2010 Annual Session of the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro. The "Growing Hope Tapestry," comprised of approximately 10,000 squares of artwork created by North Carolina Baptists, will be displayed. Staff members and residents make a dynamic 30-minute presentation to messengers at the meeting's evening session on Monday, November 8. A special "11/11 Celebration" occurs the following Thursday at Mills Home.

Blackwell Is Longest Tenured BCH Leader... On July 1, 2010, Michael C. Blackwell observed 27 years as President of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Blackwell, who joined BCH in 1983, is now the longest tenured leader of the 125-year-old ministry, eclipsing former BCH general manager Martin Luther Kessler who served in the role from September 1, 1905 to August 19, 1932.

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Scripture tells us that the church is the bride of Christ, and our Lord uses local churches to be witnesses for His glory as they seek to advance the Gospel. Therefore, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina takes seriously its mission to serve churches throughout North Carolina as they equip believers for Kingdom ministry in their community, in their state and around the world. Our desire is to come alongside churches and be a resource in any way possible.

This convention has a long history of helping mobilize North Carolina Baptists in ways that help churches make a greater impact for the Gospel. Every ministry outreach of the Convention is only made possible because North Carolina Baptists continue to be faithful in their giving to missions.

Our state continues to change year after year. More people from other states and countries are coming to live here, and North Carolina is one of the fastest growing states in population in the country. The state is more diverse than ever before. One third of North Carolina's population are ethnic minorities. The cities continue to be places where we are striving to

be more intentional in our evangelism efforts. North Carolina is home to 5.5 million people who do not have a relationship with Christ.

North Carolina Baptists are helping support about 150 church planting missionaries. In 2009, they started 98 new churches – a new church every three or four days! Our church planters and their teams made more than 176,000 evangelistic visits and registered 2,341 professions of faith. This is one of the most evangelistic ministries in the state.

Last year many of you volunteered with NC Baptist Men. NC Baptist Men trained and mobilized nearly 40,000 men and women to serve in ministries such as disaster relief and the medical/dental bus. Last year the Red Springs Mission Camp in Robeson County housed volunteers who came to serve in mission projects throughout a six-county area. The Shelby Mission Camp will open this year. (This is where our own Eddie and Martha Williams are working.)

September is the time for our North Carolina Missions Offering. This is a well-rounded missions program. The goal for 2010 is $2,100,000.

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) assists Southern Baptists in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission in the United States, Canada and their territories through a North American strategy for sharing Christ, starting churches and sending missionaries.

258 million people in the United States and Canada are living (and dying) without a personal relationship with Christ. Where do you begin to impact such an overwhelming number with the gospel?

The North American Mission Board is a key partner with you in this task. As NAMB works with Baptist state conventions, associations, and churches, we are united in our desire to witness the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Southern Baptists lead all denominations in starting new churches, more than 100 each month. Church plants must be healthly and ethnically diverse, with Kingdom perspective, and evangelistic passion, and a multiplication mindset. In addition to the roughly 50,000 churches and church-type missions in the SBC today, research indicates that an additional 125,000 churches will be needed in the coming decade to touch just a fraction – 10 percent – of the estimated 258 million people without Christ.

The key to reaching North America for Christ is God renewing the evangelistic soul of our churches, NAMB is committed to providing the resources and opportunities that will mobilize Christians to take the gospel to all peoples of North America.

There are 5,304 men and women who serve as North American Mission Board missionaries. Of this number, 3,666 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,638 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries. More than 1,200 of our missionaries are of ethnic origin.

More than 350 new missionaries were commissioned to serve in 2009.

An estimated 125,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB last year.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief engaged in more than 172 disaster responses during 2009. More than 29,523 volunteer days produced 291,922 meals; completed 7,895 recovery jobs (clean-up following floods, fires, storms, and other types of disasters); made 12,137 ministry contacts; and recorded 661 professions of faith. More than 88,000 people have completed Disaster Relief training.

Southern Baptists started more than 1,300 churches in 2009. Working with the Canadian National Baptist Convention, NAMB shared its vision to start 2,000 churches in Canada by 2020.

In addition to Cooperative Program giving, and annual offering is received to benefit missions in North America. Named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a passionate advocate of missions who lived 1850-1938, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary funding channel for Southern Baptist mission work in the United States, Canada, and their territories. Each penny given represents the trust that Southern Baptists place in our missionary force, and our missionaries are excellent stewards of these funds. In 2009, receipts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering totaled more than $56.6 million. The North American Mission Board looks toward a new decade with new adventures and opportunities to take the gospel into this vast mission field and see the transformation that comes when Christ is proclaimed to individuals and communities.

Believing that Jesus Christ is the Way for those who are lost, the Truth for those who are deceived, and the Light to those in darkness, NAMB will continue to strive to assist churches in their efforts to win North America to Christ, to the glory of God.

International Mission Board

The International Mission Board's mission is to make disciples of all peoples in fulfillment of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20.

Over 6,000 people groups – 1.7 billion people still live with little or no access to the Gospel. The IMB is the nation's largest evangelical

denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members.

We seek to provide all people an opportunity to hear, understand and respond to the gospel in their own cultural context.

We evangelize through proclamation, discipling, equipping and ministry that results in indigenous reproducing Baptists churches.

We serve churches to facilitate their involvement in the Great Commission and the sending of missionaries to bring all peoples to faith in Jesus Christ.

Today, we can identify the people groups that remain untouched by the Gospel. For the first time, it is conceivable that all people groups can be reached in the coming years with a Gospel presence. According to IMB's 2009 statistical data there were 506,019 baptisms, 204,192 churches. Church membership overseas was at 10.7 million, and there were 24,650 new churches.

There is still a long way to go, but progress is being made every day. We have 5,512 International Mission Board missionaries.

The theme for this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is, "Are We There Yet." Now is the time to also take a fresh look at the challenges ahead and be ready to finish the task. With 45,560 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, there is much work to be done.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be coming up in a few months. The Week of Prayer is November 28 - December 5. Every penny given to the Lottie Moon Offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas. The offering represents 55 percent of the IMB's total income.

How much does it cost to support a missionary?

Per year	$ 43,845.86
Per month	$ 3,653.82
Per week	$ 843.19
Per day	$ 120.13
Per hour	$ 5.01
Per minute	8¢

Today, due to reduced Lottie Moon offering receipts in 2008 and 2009, Southern Baptists are reducing the number of missionaries being sent. Will you be a part of reaching the $175 million goal so that more workers can go?

Bible Drills

Children, Youth, High School and Speakers' Tournament

John 8:32: *"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."*

Our Associational Bible Drills were held on Saturday, March 27, at Bear Creek Baptist Church. There were nine churches represented.

The following children participated in the 2010 Associational Children's Bible Drill. An asterisk (*) indicates a three-year participant (which would be sixth graders).

Altapass: Sam Crouse

Bear Creek: *Katie Bonaminio, *Keely Duncan, Caitlin Duncan, Zoe Ellis, Lauren Helms, Garrett Buchanan, Jason Burleson

Bethel: Carri Bates, Hunter Duncan, Jesse Pitman

Central: McKenzy Heavlin, Sara Haney, Amanda Biddix

Crabtree Chapel: Austin Whitson, Tim Edwards, *Kaitlyn Renfro, *Suellen Renfro

Friendship: Millicent Whitson, Madison Peterson, Keegan Young, Jesse Butler, Joshua Hoilman, Tyler Silver, Shaylee Hoilman

Liberty Hill: Daniel Silver

Roan Mountain: *Holden Buchanan

Western Carolina: *Solomon Duncan

The following youth participated in the 2010 Associational Youth Bible Drills. A double asterisk (**) indicates a six year participant. These would be ninth graders.

Altapass: Jonah Crouse

Bethel: Jake Virnelson, Cory Blevins, Josh Casper, Sam McClellan

Crabtree Chapel: Bethany Allen

Friendship: Logan Hickman, Chandler Hickman

Liberty Hill: Rachel Silver, **Becky Ramsey

We had three participants in the High School Drill - Kolby Silver and Andrew McKinney from **Roan Mountain** Baptist Church, and Keisha Cox from **Friendship.** This is Kolby's senior year and his last year to participate in Bible Drills. He participated in all three years of children's drills, all three years of youth drills, and now all three year's of high school drills. He is the only one in Mitchell Association to achieve this goal.

There were 41 participants in all, that stood and represented our Association. I am so proud and thankful for our children, youth, and high school drillers. We had no speakers again this year but that's o.k. Maybe next year.

We also recognized our third graders and pre-drillers.

I want to thank all pastors, parents, leaders, judges, timekeepers, and callers for all their time and hard work. If it weren't for them, we would have no Bible Drills.

Thank you again for letting me be your Associational leader. It is certainly a joy and a privilege to serve in this position. To me there is no greater way to love a child than to teach it the Word of God.

I would like to see more churches involved in this great ministry for children and youth. As I have said many times, there is nothing in this world more important than helping and encouraging children and youth to learn and place scripture in their minds and hearts. We are making a better society if we do this.

My thanks always goes out to Judy Greer for all her hard work and dedication to Bible Drill.

I am free to talk to you anytime about Bible Drill. If I can be of assistance in any way don't hesitate to call me at 688-2407. The Associational Office is there for you also, 765-9412. Let's get more churches involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Burleson, Bible Drill Director

Sunday School

Hello – Mitchell County Association churches. I have enjoyed this year as the Sunday School Director. The churches I have got to visit have been wonderful. The Spirit of the Lord was in each church. Let each one of us pray for each other this coming year – that each and every church will grow. Let's visit each other during revivals and special services.

I am looking forward to this coming year. We had ninety contacts this past year. Get your special events in the *Mitchell Messenger*. We are planning a Sunday School Conference soon. Please attend this event. God bless each church.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard McKinney, Sunday School Director

WMU

Watchword: "...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and will all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:37-39

Our Mission is to inform and inspire the Christian woman to influence her world for Christ.

The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Beaver Creek Baptist Church on Monday, November 2, 2009. Carrie Pitman did a beautiful job with our special music. We had a special guest, Patty Garvin, from Big Lake Association, Lakeport, Florida. She is a faithful member of WMU there. We are all sister members of WMU no matter where we live. Our goal is to promote missions in our churches to draw people everywhere to the Lord Jesus.

The Mitchell Association's WMU Annual Meeting was held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church on Monday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. We had 54 people present with 11 churches represented.

Our special guest speakers were Jeff and Carol Edwards, missionaries to Guatemala. They did a wonderful job telling us about their medical missions projects and ministries to orphanages in Guatemala, along with a slide presentation. The offering taken went to Jeff and Carol's ministry, which totaled $345.00. Praise the Lord for people like Jeff and Carol, whogive their lives in service to the Lord Jesus. They are so humbled by their experiences in ministry. Velma Sturgill did the special music.

We collected 163 pounds of food and $115.00 for Shepherd's Staff.

This year Judy Roberts (WMU Director, Mine Creek Baptist Church) went home to be with the Lord. Judy was a loving and faithful member of Mitchell Association's WMU for many years, always with a willing spirit to help with any WMU project. We will miss her, but we know she's home now and healthy and whole after a long battle with cancer.

Mitchell Association's WMU was privileged to help with food for Mitchell/Avery "One Day With God" Prison Ministry, Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

We will have a planning meeting in September for the coming year. Please pray for WMU in our association. We have had some set-backs, but we will go forward, strong in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Ayers, WMU Director

Brotherhood

It has been my privilege to serve as the Brotherhood Director and Disaster Relief Coordinator over the past year. I have observed many churches and individual Christians involved in various missions work. In so doing, they are not only displaying "brotherhood," but they are involved in the ministry that God has called each Christian to do, as well as being the hands and feet of Jesus.

In September 2009, approximately 20 men from area churches traveled to a nearby university to remove bedding and furniture from an aging dorm. The demolition company donated those items to the new Baptist mission camp being constructed in Shelby, NC. Eddie and Martha Williams, from Spruce Pine, are coordinators of this special effort and need our prayers, support and encouragement as they serve the Lord.

Sixteen men from ten different churches braved the harsh February weather to attend a Brotherhood meeting at the Mitchell Baptist Association

(MBA) office. They expressed a keen interest and willingness to serve God. As a result of this meeting, over 120 "Buckets of Hope" for Haitian earthquake victims were collected in a short time to help with the disaster relief. I appreciate the churches who collected food staples and provided money for this effort. In addition, several individuals from Mitchell County have helped the Haitian people during this horrific disaster. One of the first medical teams to render aid included Dale and Angie Duncan along with Renita Stroup. Many others have visited Haiti including a mission team from Grassy Creek Baptist Church which helped erect housing for earthquake victims.

In March 2010, eight men attended the NC Baptist Men (NCBM) Missions Rally at North Asheville Baptist Church. Mr. Robert Stroup, is the Region 9 Coordinator for the NCBM. His heart for missions has recently taken him to Kenya and Honduras to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

In April 2010, approximately one dozen men from several churches helped an elderly couple clean up storm damage from the severe winter ice and snow storms. These men worked hard and volunteered their time, equipment and energy to assist this family in need.

The largest volunteer day in the history of Operation In As Much (OIAM) in Mitchell County occurred on May 1st, 2010. The following is an excerpt from Neil Brown, OIAM Coordinator: "Operation In As Much of Mitchell County held the semi-annual day of community service across Mitchell County on Saturday, May 1, breaking all combined church-based service efforts for Mitchell County. Participating were 15 churches- Pine Branch Baptist, First Baptist Bakersville, Liberty Hill Baptist, First Baptist Spruce Pine, Bear Creek Baptist, Beaver Creek Baptist, Tipton Hill Baptist, Chestnut Grove Baptist, White Oak Baptist, The Bridge, Trinity Episcopal, Red Hill United Methodist, Bakersville United Methodist, Pine Grove United Methodist and Spruce Pine United Methodist churches - contributed 130 volunteers who worked 698 man hours on 24 different projects. A total of $3636.00 was spent on the various projects which included painting, brush removal, small construction, and bathroom repairs." First Baptist Church of Spruce Pine hosted the breakfast for all of the volunteers and food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

The NC Baptist Men sent the dental bus to Mitchell County in the month of June. Dr. Taylor Townsend, DDS, coordinated the medical staff for this special ministry. A total of 22 patients were seen with various dental concerns. First Baptist of Spruce Pine also hosted this event and the bus will return next year to assist other residents with dental needs.

In addition, a missions team from Kansas affiliated with FOCUS Appalachia, traveled to Mitchell County during June to address certain service projects of area residents. The team members were very complimentary of the hospitality of our churches who fed them including:

McKinney Cove Baptist Church, Beaver Creek Baptist Church and The Bridge. Over one dozen service projects remain and local volunteers are needed to complete them.

Many other churches have been in-volved in missions work over the past year: Snow Hill Baptist Church hosted the American Soldier, American Savior July 4th Rally, Bear Creek Baptist Church sent a team to Guatemala, White Oak Baptist Church went to the Red Springs Missions Camp near Lumberton, Pine Branch Baptist Church went to Panama City, Florida, Grassy Creek Baptist Church went to Haiti, and Spruce Pine First Baptist Church went to Honduras. (This is not an exhaustive list and omitting any church mission work was certainly not intentional.)

Lastly, I am grateful for the financial support provided for the MBA by nine churches: Bear Creek, Berry Chapel, Chestnut Grove, Freedom, Little Rock Creek, Pine Branch, Roan Mountain, Tipton Hill and White Oak – and two individuals to replace the heat pump and carpet in the office/reception area. The MBA office building was constructed in 1988 and with age comes needed repairs and maintenance. Without the willing-ness, cooperation and support of various churches and individuals, this work could not have occurred. Brotherhood – the term is not just a part of speech, nor a word to be defined. It does, however, define who we are as God's people. As this report indicates, so many Christians around us have served their Lord over the past year. It is my hope that many more of us will become involved in God's service in the upcoming year, and that God will give us many opportunities to serve Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ford, Brotherhood Director, Disaster Relief Coordinator

Veterans' Ministry

– Andy is a Vietnam Veteran, in his mid to late sixties, dying with liver cancer. The cancer is a direct result of his contact with agent orange during his tour of duty in Vietnam.

– Bob is an alcoholic, separated from his family, in and out of jail and struggling with life on a daily basis.

– J.D. is a World War II veteran, in his eighties and with declining health.

– Tom was a young man, the picture of health, who dropped dead suddenly without any warning.

– Mary is in her seventies. She grew up in the Catholic church.

– James is twelve years old. The typical young boy who loves T.V., video games and pizza.

You're probably wondering what all of these people have in common. The answer is simple. Each of these people prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior through the efforts of Veterans' Outreach Ministries. Time

and space prevents us from sharing all of the stories with you of how God is working through this ministry but we are glad to report that souls are being saved and the Lord is being honored. Just in the past month we have seen 14 more precious souls come to Christ.

Our ministry efforts are many and varied. We pray that we never put limitations on God. Our desire is to let Him lead us. Not the other way around. We continue to do the Patriotic Veteran Presentations at churches, prisons, veteran events, etc. This is followed by a sermon or my personal testimony and an invitation to accept Christ

My testimony booklet is now in its second printing. The Lord is still using this tool to draw people to him. Copies have been sent to India and Africa and plans are being made, as the Lord provides the funds, to send copies to other English speaking countries. We continue to distribute the book at veterans' hospitals, civilian hospitals, prisons, etc. My wife and I are making plans now to get door knob hanger bags and leave a booklet on the doorknob of every door in every motel that we stay in. The people in motels are always looking for something to read and what better than the plan of salvation.

My web site is close to being finished (www.hopeforveterans.com). We are in the process of changing the whole format so please bear with me. The site will contain the plan of salvation along with my testimony, veterans' links and a host of other items that are of interest to veterans.

Please pray that we would be open and submissive to the Lord's will concerning this ministry. Our desire is to reach as many people for Christ as we can before His return and to do this we must go where they are. Thank you for all that you do to make this ministry what it is today.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

Wilderness Hispanic Church

We thank our Lord upon every remembrance of you and *"above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. We do greatly rejoice when the brethren come and testify of the truth that is in you all, even as you walk in the Truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"* (III John 1:2-3).

(Please, do note that our Hispanic families are loving believers in the Lord and that we in no way support or stand with those Hispanics that are demonstrating and causing more divisions in our country - we just humbly pray as Ruth prayed: *"Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from*

following you: for wherever you go, I will *go; and where you live,* I will *live; your people shall be my people, and your God my God"* Ruth 1:16.)

The Wilderness Hispanic Church is still working on their building project – we still have a real need for a fellowship room where we can have our fellowship dinners and our youth meetings. We are praying and hoping that we can soon fix our road. This last winter was so hard on our road that we lost most of our bonding gravel and we had to move our services to Central Baptist Church.

We do thank Central Baptist and Pine Branch Baptist Church for their continual support of our ministry. We had over 70 Hispanic children every day for our week of Vacation Bible School in July. We are also continuing with our Thursday night Bible Study outreach in Burnsville thanks to Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

Please, do continue to pray for us and for the ministry outreach to the families and the youth in our Hispanic communities in our Tri-County areas. Please keep praying for the future of this work – for we truly believe and pray that the next generation of Hispanics here in the United States may truly say: "Together we will build new bridges" – but always with the help and guidance of our Lord - *"with clean hands and pure hearts"Psalm* 24.

See our mission report and outreach at: www.wildernessmission.net

Last, but not least, pray for our "Wilderness Camp Ministries" in San Fernando, Mexico. Many in Mexico find themselves in the "wilderness" of their lives, without being able to find a way out or a better way of life – this is true for children, as well as adolescents and many adults. The Wilderness Camp in Mexico (70 miles south of Brownsville, Texas) has 248 acres, and although many of the buildings were severely damaged by a hurricane a few years ago, we are hoping and praying that soon we can rebuild it and develop a place where many can come and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior, "the true living water" and "the bread of life," in their own "wilderness" experience.

Please continue to pray that our Lord will give us an "open door" as we continue to seek our Lord for the funds in order to establish a youth camp/children's home (orphanage) far away from the border cities, where children can live and grow daily in the nurture and admonition of our Lord, in an alternative and educational setting. All the future services at "The Wilderness Camp" will be at no cost for the students, for the orphans, and for the needy. See our articles & pictures of the Wilderness Camp, Mexico, at: www.wildernessmission.net.

Please let us know if you are planning a short-term "Mission Trip" and if you are able or willing to visit "The Wilderness Camp" in Mexico. Visas into Mexico are free for the first seven days. We are in a very safe and secluded agricultural area about 70 miles south of Brownsville, Texas. We do have five house trailers with running water, electricity and air

conditioning, to make your stay pleasant. The schoolhouse has a very large kitchen and a large dining hall. We would like to secure and find the necessary support & workers to start our alternative school/children's home, develop various ways to strengthen each child's learning style, and obtain the necessary equipments and materials to train young children to be our future teachers and missionaries. Yes, pastors and evangelists, but also looking at the way they learn, in order to encourage them to be good Christian doctors, lawyers and even presidents, and thereby influence all areas of their society.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: *"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."* John 4:35.
"Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws near" Luke 21:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charles Alonso & the Wilderness Hispanic Church Mission

Blue Ridge Prison Ministry

May I say once again, **thank you,** for your prayers and support for the ministry at Mountain View Corrections. For the past year (August 2009 - July 2010) we have seen 29 souls saved and 102 rededications.

One of the ministries that I facilitate here at Mountain View is called the "Love Ministry". This ministry was developed for the men that are considered indigent or have no money coming in from the outside. Men that have jobs or receive money from their family are able to purchase certain food items from the canteen and donate these items to the Chaplain's Office where we then bag up those items and give to the men that are in need. Last year, this ministry was able to touch 282 men who were in need.

In September 2009, I assisted in facilitating the first Native American Green Corn Ceremony. There were 14 Native American men in attendance.

In December 2009, 16 local churches (13 Baptist churches) came into the facility and held special services and brought Christmas dinners for 905 men. During the services volunteers sang Christmas carols and gave testimonials. Also during the month, the Mountain Movers' Choir and Redeemed Drama Team presented a special Christmas Cantata/Drama entitled **"The Birth of Jesus".** There were 107 men in attendance. Also in December, "One-man Quartet" Terry G. Hall came to Mountain View to hold a special concert for the men. There were 95 men in attendance. And in January 2010 the Drama team presented the same drama for the churches that provided Christmas dinners. There were 10 churches represented.

The Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There were 250 men in attendance and 6 men were saved and

several rededicated their lives to Christ.

In May, the "Truth in Love Ministries" with Donnie Burns was canceled because Donnie got sick. Also in June, the "One-Man-Band" Derwin Hinson Ministries came to Mountain View and presented a gospel concert, and there were 95 men in attendance.

Thank you for placing your confidence and continued support in me as your missionary chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. May God continue to bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Stafford, Chaplain

Director of Missions

In the past 23 ½ years that I have been serving in associational missions, I have been asked many times, "what exactly is an association and what does it do?' The best way to describe it is to imagine a puzzle with thirty-six pieces. Each piece of the puzzle is different and each piece also fulfills a specific purpose. Each piece, large or small, regardless of the color or design, has a part to play in the completion of that puzzle. When one piece of the puzzle is missing, the picture is incomplete. We must do all that we can to keep the picture intact. We all have one common goal that unites us and that goal is simply "bringing people to Jesus.

The state of our association is good! There are certain areas that we could improve in, but all in all, we are in good shape. The Lord is blessing in a number of on-going ministries in our association. Please allow me to share just a word about them.

—The Prison Ministry continues to be one of our most spiritually productive efforts. Under the direction of Chaplain Don Stafford, 29 souls were saved this past year and 102 rededications were made at Mountain View Correctional. We also help with funding for Chaplain Jacob Willis at Avery/Mitchell Prison. We appreciate the work that these two chaplains do.

—The Veterans Ministry is truly being blessed by the Lord. As you can see by the report, this ministry continues to expand and souls continue to be saved. I can't tell you how many people have been touched or souls saved this past year, but the Lord has truly blessed. In the past five weeks alone we have seen 14 people pray to receive Christ through the efforts of this ministry. More doors are being opened to share the gospel with this special group of people.

—The one day "Operation In As Much" that we had in April was a wonderful success. Under the able direction of Neil Brown (coordinator), this ministry has grown to become a regular part of our county outreach. There were some professions of faith reported as men and women of all denominations went forth ministering in different communities. Another

day like this has been scheduled in November.

—The Lay Witness Revival efforts in our association didn't go as good as I hoped. We only had two churches participate and one scheduled for a later time. Three precious souls were saved during this time and we are planning another Lay Witness Revival in the Spring.

—I can't say enough about our Associational Bible Drills. Martha Burleson has done and continues to do a wonderful job directing this ministry. Our association, as small as it is, is one of the top associations in participation. We praise the Lord for that and also express our appreciation to Martha for a job well done, again!

The work of the association goes much deeper than projects or events. We are available to the churches and individuals on a personal level as the need arises. We have counseled with, prayed for and ministered to hundreds of needs during this past year. Many more than we could ever list. Our prayer for the coming year is that we might be able to "Do All It Again".

Respectfully Submitted
Daniel Whetstine

2010 Associational Emphasis

In an ever-changing world, churches face new challenges and opportunities for "Great Commission Impact."

You already know the Baptist Association serves your church, but do your members know we're also here to serve them?

Not only can we assist your church in fulfilling its Great Commission responsibilities, but we can also equip workers for the harvest by providing resources, training, and strategies for evangelism. We can help your members understand their calling, share Christ with the lost, and learn about church starting opportunities. Help us spread the word about how the Baptist Association can help you spread The Word through effective evangelism, church starting, and volunteer mobilization.

The Baptist Association: each church on the forward edge of the Great Commission and churches working together for even greater impact.

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PROPOSED BUDGET
2010-2011

	2009-2010	2010-2011
PERSONAL MINISTRIES		
Director of Missions		
Salary	$ 8,207.00	$ 8,207.00
Retirement	6,000.00	6,000.00
Christmas Bonus	600.00	600.00
Travel Reimbursement	4,100.00	4,100.00
Housing Allowance	6,500.00	6,500.00
Office Secretary		
Salary	18,150.00	18,150.00
Insurance	6,765.00	6,765.00
Retirement	2,313.00	2,313.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRIES WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH		
WMU	200.00	200.00
Sunday School/VBS	100.00	100.00
Bible Drill	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	700.00	700.00
Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
Mountain Outreach Campground	700.00	0
Veterans Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
Special Events:		
Pastors' Christmas Supper	650.00	650.00
Senior Adult Rally	500.00	500.00
Annual Meeting	300.00	300.00
Youth Events	500.00	500.00
OUR ADMINISTRATIVE-SUPPORT MINISTRIES		
Conventions, Conferences, Workshops (Director - $500 Secretary - $200)	700.00	700.00

(Continued)	2009-2010	2010-2011
Social Security Allowance:		
Director of Missions	1,250.00	1,250.00
Secretary	1,390.00	1,390.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,000.00
Internet	600.00	600.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	3,500.00	3,000.00
Postage	700.00	1,200.00
Electricity	1,700.00	1,700.00
Property Insurance	1,100.00	1,100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	300.00
Community Missions	150.00	150.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	700.00	700.00
Savings for Office Equipment	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	$ 74,275.00	$ 73,575.00
Budget & Finance Committee		
Rev. Dallas Renfro, Chaiman Rev/ William Ellis, Rev. Toby Crowder, Carolyn Glenn Sondra Stewart, Treasurer Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions		

TREASURER'S REPORT

4th Quarter and

Twelve months ending, July 31, 2010

	4th Quarter Income	4th Quarter Expenses	Year-to-date
Balance 04-30-10			$ 2,266.78
Church Contributions	20,397.19		68,535.59
Community Missions	0		8,827.82
Minute Book Fund	0		372.00
Youth Rally Donations	0		1,600.00
Sales Tax Refund	0		34.16
Hispanic Ministry	210.15		995.27
Total Income	$ 20,607.34		$ 80,364.84
Designated Expenses:			
Bank Charges		$ 36.00	$ 96.00
Bible Drill		0	199.89
Community Missions		736.26	11,738.98
Equipment Savings		150.00	600.00
Mountain Outreach Campground		0	291.65
Prison Ministry		300.00	1,200.00
Hispanic Ministry		210.15	812.02
Pastors' Wives Retreat		0	200.00
Senior Adult Rally		487.49	487.49
Annual Meeting		0	300.00
Pastors' Christmas Dinner		0	690.00
Veterans' Ministry		300.00	1,200.00
Building and Grounds		210.00	540.62
Property Insurance		0	1,094.00
Electricity		193.39	1,275.93

(continued)	4th Qtr. Inc.	4th Qtr. Exp.	Year-to-date
Internet		145.50	582.00
Miscellaneous		262.86	626.87
Office Expenses		415.43	2,438.48
Postage		330.67	1,209.62
Telephone		299.51	1,180.76
Conferences, Conventions		0	700.00
WMU		75.00	111.79
Youth Rally		0	1,600.00
Treasurer's Honorarium		250.00	1,000.00
DOM Salary & Social Security Allowance		2,364.24	9,456.96
Travel Expense		1,025.01	4,100.04
Housing		1,625.01	6500.04
Retirement		1,200.00	4,400.00
Insurance		207.15	828.60
Christmas Bonus		0	600.00
Secretary Salary & SS Allowance		3,374.34	13,497.36
Medical Insurance		2,169.18	8,287.32
Retirement		578.25	2,120.25
Christmas Bonus		0	500.00
Tax:			
Federal		1,204.23	4,816.92
State		306.00	1,224.00
Total Expenses		$ 18,455.67	$ 86,507.59
Net Gain/Loss		($ 2,151.67)	- $ 6,142.75
Ending Balance 7-31-2010			$ 4,418.45
Savings Account Balance			$ 4,133.32

Sondra Stewart, Treasurer

CHURCHES GIVING TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
Year Ending, July 31, 2010

Church	May-July	Aug-Apr	Totals
Altapass	$ 2,217.00	$ 4,342.00	$ 6,559.00
Bakersville	0	0	0
Bear Creek	1,650.00	4,950.00	6,600.00
Beaver Creek	645.06	1,654.19	2,299.25
Berry Chapel	1,400.00	3,837.00	5,237.00
Big Crabtree	219.00	549.00	768.00
Big Rock Creek	100.00	150.00	250.00
Black Mountain	448.30	974.35	1,422.65
Calvary	362.89	1,082.47	1,445.36
Cane Creek	225.00	675.00	900.00
Central	150.00	80.00	230.00
Chestnut Grove	10.00	75.00	85.00
Crabtree Chapel	1,056.25	1,562.31	2,618.56
Fork Mountain	385.00	540.00	925.00
Freedom	440.35	1,305.52	1,745.87
Friendship	150.00	450.00	600.00
Grassy Creek	900.00	2,700.00	3,600.00
Ledger	782.53	625.71	1,408.24
Liberty Hill	600.00	1,800.00	2,400.00
Lily Branch	647.99	1,693.87	2,341.86
Little Rock Creek	448.56	1,699.78	2,148.34
McKinney Cove	400.00	900.00	1,300.00
Mine Creek	515.86	743.80	1,259.66
Mount Carmel	626.82	1,815.84	2,442.66
Pine Branch	840.59	3,140.46	3,981.05
Rebels Creek	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	3,022.96	5,319.58	8,342.54
Silver Chapel	753.44	2,217.16	2,970.60
Snow Hill	511.59	1,795.88	2,307.47
Spring Creek	150.00	450.00	600.00
Spruce Pine, First	0	125.00	125.00
Tipton Hill	165.00	110.00	275.00
Toecane	0	100.00	100.00
Western Carolina	200.00	200.00	400.00
White Oak	373.00	474.48	847.48
Wilderness Hisp.	0	0	0
Totals	$ 20,397.19	$ 48,138.40	$ 68,535.59

DEATHS

ALTAPASS: Mrs. Minnie Green
BEAR CREEK: Mr. Charlie Lee Pitman, Mr. Jesse Carpenter, Mr. Harold Pitman, Mrs. Kate Carver, Mr. Bill Burleson, Mr. Gerald Grindstaff, Mr. Jeffrey Hoyle
BEAVER CREEK: Mrs. Mona Carpenter, Ms. Violet Pendley
BERRY CHAPEL: Mrs. Dorothy Borders, Mr. Arthur Biddix, Mrs. Pearl Vance, Mrs. Georgia McKinney
BIG CRABTREE: Mr. Bill Bartlett, Mr. Ray Hollifield, Mrs. Jeanette Whitfield
CENTRAL: Mr. Taylor Puckett - Deacon, Mrs. Shaby Humphries, Mr. Hugh Chilson, Mr. Don Anderson
FORK MOUNTAIN: Mr. Ivan Greene - Deacon
FRIENDSHIP: Ms. Alma Gurley, Ms. Angie Williams, Ms. Victoria Burleson
GRASSY CREEK: Mr. Fred Burleson, Mr. Ernest Hefner
LIBERTY HILL: Ms. Ellen Grindstaff, Mr. Ralph Boston, Mr. Louie Grindstaff, Mrs. Jessie McGee, Mr. Charles Jones, Mrs. Edith Hinkle, Mr. Weldon Hoyle
LILY BRANCH: Mr. John Willis, Mrs. Louise Burleson, Mr. Richard Conley
MINE CREEK: Mrs. Judy Roberts - WMU Director
MOUNT CARMEL: Mr. Harold Grindstaff, Mrs. Etta Lusk, Mr. Mallie Woody, Jr.
PINE BRANCH: Mrs. Grace Ellis, Mr. Harold Ellis, Mrs. Jennie Hollifield, Mr. Fred Hollifield
ROAN MOUNTAIN: Mr. John Sides, Mrs. Louise Y. McKinney
SNOW HILL: Mr. Guy Grindstaff, Mrs. Margie Ledford, Mrs. Pansy Willis
SPRING CREEK: Mr. John Cullifer, Mr. Jeter Parker
SPRUCE PINE, FIRST: Mrs. Donna Phillips, Mr. Josh Acuff, Mrs. Sandy Davis, Ms. Betty Duncan, Mr. Jake Young, Mr. Jimmy Wilson
TOECANE: Mr. Joe Grindstaff
WHITE OAK: Mr. Sam Black

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BIG CRABTREE: Brian Burleson, 41 Towhee Lane, Burnsville
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GRASSY CREEK: David Shuford, 687 Dale Rd., Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Chuck Greene, 1183 Arbuckle Rd., Burnsville
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SILVER CHAPEL: Jack Buchanan, 189 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Steve Howell, 375 Wilson Rd., Bakersville
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WESTERN CAROLINA: Chris Renfro, 190 Fisher Rd., Spruce Pine
WHITE OAK: Steve Carpenter, 1943 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Spruce Pine

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CRABTREE CHAPEL: Kim Young, 37 Granny Young Lane, Burnsville
FORK MOUNTAIN: Rebecca Clemons, 8 Northside Rd., Bakersville
FREEDOM: Carolyn Sparks, 19 Oak Ridge Dr., Spruce Pine
FRIENDSHIP: Eloise Ledford, P.O. Box 242, Bakersville

GRASSY CREEK: Pam Snyder, 793 Old NC 226 Hwy, Spruce Pine
LEDGER: Debra Barnette, 25 Howell Rd., Bakersville
LIBERTY HILL: Ruby Putman, 94 D&D Lane, Spruce Pine
LILY BRANCH: Jackie Thomas, 3416 Snow Creek Rd., Bakersville
LITTLE ROCK CREEK: Rosa Edwards, 4203 NC 261, Bakersville
McKINNEY COVE: Beth Hinson, 361 Gouge Rd., Bakersville
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MOUNT CARMEL: Rebecca Fortner, P.O. Box 807, Spruce Pine
PINE BRANCH: Dawn Hughes, 55 Pine Branch Rd., Spruce Pine
REBELS CREEK: Brenda Silver, 262 Sam Gouge Rd., Bakersville
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SILVER CHAPEL: Linda Gouge, 456 Marble Mine Rd., Bakersville
SNOW HILL: Wilma Carlisle, 61 Ulysses Young Way, Spruce Pine
SPRING CREEK: Elizabeth Butler, 62 Butler Lane, Bakersville
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TOECANE: Mary Crowder, 568 Toecane Rd., Bakersville
WHITE OAK: Ann Webb, 307 McMahan Lane, Bakersville

ZIP CODES

Bakersville	28705
Burnsville	28714
Cary	27512
Forest City	28043
Little Switzerland	28749
Marion	28752
Micaville	28755
Morganton	28655
Newland	28657
Spruce Pine	28777
Roan Mountain, TN	37687

Churches in association freely join together to do certain things together. Because of this relationship, individual churches grow, mature, become. And, the churches in association become unified and strengthened. On mission together, churches grow together.

*HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	LOCATION	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
1985	Crabtree Chapel/Altapass	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	Garland Higgins/Sam Brewer
1986	Mt. Carmel/Spruce Pine, First	Frank Blevins	Annabelle Blanton	James Lankford
1987	Bear Creek/Grassy Creek	Walter Ponder	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff
1988	Berry Chapel/Roan Mountain	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Walter Ponder
1989	Liberty Hill/Bakersville	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Sibbald Lambert
1990	Bear Creek/Altapass	Jay Orr	Judy Greer	Dallas Renfro
1991	Mount Carmel/Crabtree Chapel	Larry Greene	Judy Greer	Astor Buchanan/Bob McCurry
1992	Liberty Hill/Cane Creek	Charles Murrell	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/William Whitfield
1993	Freedom/Silver Chapel	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Martin Fisher/George Gouge
1994	Pine Branch/Snow Hill	Gerold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Erby McKinney/David Troutman
1995	Bear Creek/Altapass	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	George Gouge/Tom Watson
1996	Beaver Creek/Roan Mountain	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Gerold Grindstaff/Russell McKinney
1997	Mount Carmel/Cane Creek	George Gouge	Judy Greer	Mark McKinney/Fred Proctor
1998	Pine Branch/Berry Chapel	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Matthew Stephens/Kenneth Gaskin
1999	Liberty Hill/Grassy Creek	David Troutman	Judy Greer	Lee Ayers/David Johnson
2000	Freedom/Lily Branch	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	John Chick/Dallas Renfro
2001	Crabtree Chapel/Snow Hill	Steve Williams	Judy Greer	Greg Hollifield/B.G. McMahan
2002	Pine Branch/Friendship	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Bob McKinney/Kenneth Murphy
2003	Mine Creek/Silver Chapel	Harold Grindstaff	Judy Greer	Steve Stronach/Chris Rathbone
2004	Berry Chapel/McKinney Cove	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Jack Michaels/John Stafford
2005	Altapass/Calvary	Dallas Renfro	Judy Greer	Don Stafford/Steve Williams
2006	Grassy Creek/Central	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Matthew Mills/Nathan Silver
2007	Bear Creek/Big Rock Creek	Don Stafford	Judy Greer	Daniel Whetstine/Harold Grindstaff
2008	Roan Mountain/Snow Hill	David Philbeck	Judy Greer	Jude Hughes/Dean Honeycutt
2009	Pine Branch/Friendship	David Philbeck	Judy Greer	Chris Rathbone/Gene Self
2010	Liberty Hill/Little Rock Creek	Matthew Mills	Judy Greer	Steve Sisk/Vernon Buchanan

*Partial List - For complete list, consult 2005 Minutes

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4
Altapass	325	300	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bakersville	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bear Creek	750	642	7	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	6
Beaver Creek	247	179	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	542	347	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Big Crabtree	240	231	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Big Rock Creek	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	46	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	150	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Creek	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	125	64	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chestnut Grove	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	213	213	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Fork Mountain	62	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	212	212	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Friendship	119	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	561	448	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
Ledger	96	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Hill	264	199	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	10
Lily Branch	207	158	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Little Rock Creek	71	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	155	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mine Creek	188	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mount Carmel	332	111	5	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	11
Mountain View	37	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Branch	596	504	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Rebels Creek	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	322	256	5	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1
Silver Chapel	83	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	238	225	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Spring Creek	191	141	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Spruce Pine, First	652	455	16	0	3	9	3	0	1	0	3
Toecane	40	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Carolina	98	98	8	0	1	0	0	2	4	1	4
White Oak	58	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilderness Hispanic	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	7255	5562	71	0	21	19	10	8	11	2	67

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

5-Year Organized 6-Year Pastor Came 7-AM Worship. Service Attendance 8-Total Sunday School Enrollment
9-Average Sunday School 10-Total VBS 11-Total Discipleship Training 12-Music Ministry Enrollment

Congregation	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Altapass	1925	1987	180	85	81	104	20	56
Bakersville	1869	2002	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bear Creek	1830	2001	310	279	205	166	98	104
Beaver Creek	1906	-	63	50	46	45	-	15
Berry Chapel	1934	2009	160	165	105	124	35	35
Big Crabtree	1925	2009	65	70	62	60	-	-
Big Rock Creek	1849	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	1882	2008	25	16	16	16	-	-
Calvary	1949	-	54	54	50	50	37	26
Cane Creek	1867	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	1932	-	60	125	50	40	-	20
Chestnut Grove	1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	1966	1996	56	41	45	62	31	23
Fork Mountain	1861	2007	24	15	15	-	-	-
Freedom	1988	-	60	49	40	31	-	21
Friendship	1997	1997	27	30	14	-	-	13
Grassy Creek	1818	2002	190	140	95	105	-	50

Ledger	1953	2004	35	64	40	47	-	11
Liberty Hill	1866	2010	-	155	94	72	-	45
Lily Branch	1859	2010	40	29	22	42	-	-
Little Rock Creek	1844	1997	35	42	35	-	15	-
McKinney Cove	1888	2009	58	65	44	74	18	18
Mine Creek	1849	1997	88	153	55	60	-	92
Mount Carmel	1925	2003	55	99	55	77	-	35
Mountain View	1932	2010	12	12	10	-	-	-
Pine Branch	1921	2000	250	252	130	109	-	25
Rebels Creek	1915	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	1813	2003	110	100	59	60	-	27
Silver Chapel	1885	2004	-	60	36	40	-	-
Snow Hill	1915	2009	43	79	43	-	25	35
Spring Creek	1916	1975	30	68	40	-	6	-
Spruce Pine, First	1908	-	300	405	225	115	75	62
Toecane	1916	2003	-	40	19	-	-	-
Western Carolina	2000	2003	94	114	42	30	43	5
White Oak	1884	2008	40	68	35	65	35	20
Wilderness Hispanic	1998	1998	38	35	35	65	41	6
Assoc. Totals	-	-	2502	2959	1843	1648	461	744

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

13-Undes. Gifts 15-Other Receipts 17-Assoc. Miss 19-Annie Armstrong 21-Other SBC Missions Exp.
14-Desig. Gifts 16-Co-op Program 18-State Miss 20-Lottie Moon 22-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Altapass	$ 206,017	20,855	-	11,382	6,559	-	2,072	4,467	7,809	21,775
Bakersville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bear Creek	389,683	3,500	-	26,000	6,600	3,,000	4,500	22,229	5,540	68,514
Beaver Creek	56,770	6,591	11,545	2,874	2,299	2,874	1,285	1,736	840	780
Berry Chapel	183,381	1,885	5,200	12,215	5,237	117	90	1,252	70	22,093
Big Crabtree	46,598	9,577	-	-	768	-	-	-	-	-
Big Rock Creek	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-
Black Mountain	28,453	-	-	245	1,422	2,236	-	499	600	600
Calvary	-	-	-	-	1,445	-	-	1,200	-	-
Cane Creek	-	-	-	-	900	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-	-	230	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut Grove	-	-	-	-	85	-	-	-	-	-
Crabtree Chapel	64,867	4,531	-	2,784	2,618	-	-	-	249	16,657
Fork Mountain	21,069	700	-	-	925	-	200	500	-	-
Freedom	86,427	13,877	-	420	1,746	3,461	1,740	2,468	3,541	16,487
Friendship	33,024	529	-	-	600	500	-	-	-	-
Grassy Creek	263,285	126,798	-	4,750	3,600	-	3,500	3,500	9,654	25,169
Ledger	46,941	2,729	-	1,200	1,408	-	150	400	640	794
Liberty Hill	-	-	-	3,000	2,400	1,670	1,191	1,696	6,340	4,212
Lily Branch	78,708	7,805	-	3,636	2,342	2,422	2,837	3,993	4,620	9,135
Little Rock Creek	48,149	7,554	-	-	2,148	-	300	2,200	-	5,720
McKinney Cove	72,748	2,838	1,376	1,200	1,300	929	730	965	214	7,200
Mine Creek	62,983	9,718	-	-	1,259	1,038	380	847	-	-

Mount Carmel	80,704	19,050	1,103	4,037	2,443	3,229	1,213	1,122	811	4,201
Mountain View	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pine Branch	245,635	42,995	6,258	24,979	3,981	387	2,738	12,000	2,785	3,000
Rebels Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roan Mountain	166,728	19,686	-	14,960	8,342	425	2,560	3,922	3,562	27,956
Silver Chapel	52,000	11,000	-	1,600	2,971	2,400	1,086	1,400	-	2,500
Snow Hill	69,583	3,781	2,769	6,587	2,308	400	400	400	-	900
Spring Creek	53,326	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-	5,895
Spruce Pine, First	280,000	65,000	25,000	23,000	125	1,300	800	1,200	5,000	7,000
Toecane	4,215	14,797	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Western Carolina	76,000	-	-	650	400	-	-	-	2,400	-
White Oak	62,086	-	-	1,471	847	-	860	1,252	-	2,650
WildernessHispanic	3,545	7,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200
(Tipton Hill Under Watchcare)					275					
Assoc. Totals	$ 2,782,925	402,996	53,251	146,990	68,536	38,088	28,632	69,248	54,675	666,050

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Items Reported:
23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 23f-WMU Missions 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24c-(18-up)
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24d - Mission
24b-(12-17) Action Groups

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	24	24a	24b	24c	24d
Altapass	12	0	2	0	8	2	0	30	5	3	2	0
Bear Creek	25	0	0	0	20	5	0	15	0	0	15	93
Beaver Creek	7	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berry Chapel	14	0	0	0	12	2	0	15	0	0	15	0
Central	14	0	0	0	12	2	0	18	0	2	16	0
Crabtree Chapel	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	5	0	0	5	0
Freedom	15	0	0	0	12	2	1	6	0	0	6	0
Friendship	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Liberty Hill	26	0	0	0	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lily Branch	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney Cove	18	0	4	5	0	4	5	17	3	12	2	0
Mine Creek	54	1	4	2	23	4	20	32	10	14	3	0
Mount Carmel	27	0	0	2	21	4	0	20	0	0	20	0
Pine Branch	39	12	12	0	15	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	12	0	0	12	0
Snow Hill	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	12	0	0	12	0
Spruce Pine, First	187	5	4	8	18	2	150	68	10	11	43	2
Assoc. Totals	468	18	26	17	199	32	176	259	37	42	151	135

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